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## COLD COMFORT



Photo by Tim Jean

**Milling around** — The Mill City Jazz Band — Dan MacInnis, Pierre LeMieux, Bruce Burrell and Bill Crowell — took to the streets to entertain those who attended Andover's Downtown Holiday Open House Friday, Dec. 8. For more photos, see the business pages.

## Finegold calls on leaders to move town yard Parking solutions offered

By Rebecca Piro

While several ideas to improve parking conditions at the downtown Andover train station are being suggested by those who have studied the site, the town has not decided what track it will take.

But State Rep. Barry Finegold is issuing a challenge to the town to move the town yard and use that space for parking and retail space.

"The easiest thing to do is to do nothing, and I fear we are going to do nothing," says Finegold, who later added "that's not leadership."

"There are solutions out there," he says. "I hope the town takes the long-term view. I think the worst thing we can do is to keep the status quo."

Selectmen will meet with MVRTA representatives on Monday, Dec. 18, when Administrator Joe Costanzo will present the regional authority's suggestions for improvement at the

Lawrence and Andover rail stations.

Selectmen will also have in their hands the final reports from three teams of MIT graduate students, who spent the last semester studying what they call the triangle area — land between North Main Street, Essex Street and the Shawsheen River, including the Andover train station.

While the studies approach the Andover train station from different angles, both indicate the biggest problem facing the area is the parking crunch caused by the many commuters flocking to the rail station lot.

MIT students suggest building a three- or four-

story garage at the current town yard site, with parking on the upper levels and retail on the bottom two. That change would ease some of the parking crunch and improve the aesthetic condition of Railroad Street, they say.

Costanzo, the MVRTA administrator,

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Barry Finegold:  
Fears inaction

## McCarron, Hess launch selectmen's race

### Ringling in the political season

By Neil Fater

The holiday season hasn't quite arrived yet, but it looks as if the political season has begun.

Selectman John Hess has taken out papers to run for reelection, and former School Committee member Tim McCarron says he will join Hess in the selectmen's race. The 2001 town election will be held on Tuesday, March 27.

Lori Becker, the other selectman incumbent up for reelection in March, has not taken out papers yet and could not be reached for comment this week.

Another former official rumored to be considering a run, Don Robb, said, "I really have not thought about it for several months." Robb, a former Finance and School Committee member, lost last year's election by just 20 votes.

McCarron, 41, served three years on the School Committee, from March 1997 to

2000. After deciding not to run for reelection earlier this year, he said in a letter that "I look forward to the future and hope that I can return to public service soon."

"I was doing two nights per week at U-Lowell, plus family obligations, not to mention doing the job of a teacher," he says.

Now, McCarron, a fifth-grade teacher, has earned his 15-credit principal certification, which is valid at both the middle-school and high-school level.

"So all that is done," he says. "In terms of do I have the time now, yes, I do."

If he is elected, McCarron says provid-

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## Varying opinions of crucial state test

### Kids take on MCAS, verbally



Photo by Tim Jean

**Test subject** — Lauren Woo, 16, is one of several students who say graduation should be based on four years of grades, not on the state's MCAS test.

By Adam Groff

Andover students who have taken an MCAS test view it with a range of emotions, from apathy to anger.

Two groups of Andover High School students spoke with the *Townsmen* about their thoughts on the test recently, one group in a meeting arranged by Andover High and another group while gathered at a local bagel shop.

As Andover schools continue to digest the results of last spring's MCAS test, school officials have said that interviews with students will form one component of their analysis.

Student performances on the tenth-grade exams have particularly attracted attention because of a failure rate higher than that in other grades. Seventy-five tenth-grade students failed

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# TownTalk



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Guest speaker Joseph W. Lovoi, a retired Air Force Lieutenant and former POW salutes as Joseph Horan, Disabled American Veterans Chapter 18-Andover, a POW for four years in Japan, helps set a wreath at Pearl Harbor memorial ceremony last Thursday, Dec. 7.

## Whatever happened to...

Remember pedal-pushers and cancer fighters Caryn Wilson of Westwind Road and her dad, Herbert Wilson, a 35-year town resident? Well, it's follow-up time.

When Herb was diagnosed with lymphoma last February, he endured six rounds of chemotherapy and then decided he wanted to raise money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Inspired by cyclist Lance Armstrong, Herb, 68, of Sagamore Drive, and Caryn, 38, teamed up and tackled a 111-mile bike race in Arizona last month to raise money for the cause. The *Townsmen* reported their plans in the Sept. 28 issue.

Caryn's holiday letter to friends and family reports that the duo raised \$12,000 for the cause. They both finished the grueling race in spite of the cold temperatures and gusty winds. In

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File photo

**Bikers — Herbert and Caryn completed their 111-mile ride, raising thousands.**



# NEWS IN BRIEF

## Corrections

On Dec. 7, the *Townsmen* printed an article ("Summer school among options for those failing MCAS," p. 9) that stated that tenth-grade students who took the MCAS this past spring, and just received their scores, need to pass the test in order to graduate. In fact, the current class of tenth-graders, who will take the test in spring 2001, will be the first class for whom the test counts toward graduation, in 2003.

An arts story ("Colorful characters populate 'House of Sand and Fog,'" p. 23) incorrectly identified a manager at Andover Bookstore. Her name is Julie Carlson.

## Web question:

### Results on train question, Downtown lights

Last week's *Townsmen* Web-site question was: The MVRTA is making suggestions for solving the parking crunch at its commuter rail stations. What should Andover do?

Half of the 38 respondents to this question selected the option "Build a two-deck garage on Railroad Street near the commuter rail station and/or build a parking deck above the current town yard."

No one voted for the second choice, "Only build more parking in conjunction with retail space."

The third and fourth options each received seven votes, or 18 percent. They were, "Do not build a garage. It will bring more cars to an already congested area," and "Do not build a garage. Further development of that area should focus on other proposals." Five people, or 13 percent, voted "Other."

This week's question is: What should be done about the downtown lighting in future years?

To cast a vote, surf to <www.andover-townsmen.com>.

## Congressman Meehan deemed peace maker

By Rebecca Piro

Congressman Marty Meehan and President Bill Clinton were expected to return yesterday, Wednesday night, from a two-day trip to Ireland to encourage the peace process there.

A delegation consisting of the president, first lady, cabinet members and Meehan dedicated the 48 hours to lauding Ireland on its economic progress, and encouraging the British government and Irish Republican Army (IRA) to continue working towards peace.

The delegation planned to return to the US after *Townsmen* press time.

"The goal of the mission is to bolster the prospects for peace by serving as a catalyst," said Bill McCann, Meehan's chief of staff.

There's been economic renaissance in Ireland since the commencement of the peace-making Good Friday Accord in April 1998, says Legislative Director Glen Shor, and Clinton hopes to open the people's eyes to what they have at stake.

Tensions surrounding the terms of the Good Friday Accord have risen once again in Ireland, explained McCann. Some parties are not satisfied with the IRA's efforts to decommission its weapons, and in turn, the IRA is dissatisfied with the British government's progress in police reform and other issues - both crucial elements of the Good Friday Accord, he added.

"The president and Marty... are basically going over there trying to raise the sights of the people in Ireland and Northern Ireland who have shown incredible courage in coming as far as they have," said Shor. "These are important issues, and the sensitivities are running high."

Meehan's role in the delegation comes partly from his participation in the Congressional Ad Hoc Committee on Irish Affairs.

"I think he's distinguished himself on this issue," said McCann. "He's shown an interest, but beyond that, he's shown leadership on (the issue)."

Meehan has also introduced legislation to create a free-trade zone between Northern Ireland and the United States, McCann added.

Though Clinton has devoted significant efforts to the peace process in Ireland, Meehan is unsure whether that same level of dedication will continue with a new leader, said McCann.

"I think Marty's perspective is that President Clinton has done more than any other president to foster peace in Ireland and North Ireland," added Shor. "It's going to be hard for any subsequent American president to equal Clinton's (efforts)."

The trip is Meehan's second to Ireland with Clinton. The delegation planned to visit Dublin, Dundalk and Belfast.

## Quote, unquote . . .

'Any chief executive (would want to) relocate a business to an Aaa community. It's a very impressive piece of information for that developer or company to have the (Andover) address.'

Finance Director Tony Torrisi, explaining that Andover's higher bond rating makes the town more attractive to new businesses. (Story, page 5.)

'We're never going to have a full consensus on anything we do. These are quality-of-life issues. We have a lot of people that choose to live in Andover because they can commute into Boston. It's not going to be easy, but we need to come together to find (a) solution.'

State Rep. Barry Finegold urging residents and town officials to take action on improving the train station commuter parking situation. (Story, page 15.)

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<b>Strategic Planning</b>	<b>School Committee</b> , executive session, school administration building, 6 p.m.	<b>Strategic Planning Task Force</b> , town offices, third-floor conference room, 7:30 a.m.	<b>Selectmen</b> , town offices, third-floor conference room, 7:30 p.m. <i>Televised.</i>
<b>Long-term</b> , town offices, second-floor conference room, 7:30 a.m.			
<b>Advisory Board</b> , Healthy Communities Tobacco Awareness Program, 20 Main St., 11 a.m.			
<b>Government Review Committee</b> , town offices, second-floor conference room, 7:30 p.m.			
	<b>Monday, Dec. 18</b>		<b>Tuesday, Dec. 19</b>
	<b>Board of Health</b> , town offices, second-floor conference room, 6 p.m.		<b>Andover School Committee</b> , school administration building, 7:30 p.m.
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fact, Herb, finished third in his age class.

"The satisfaction you feel at the end, far outweighs the sacrifices, aches and pains," said Caryn, adding that she never thought she would make it up the nine-mile, uphill section of the race. She said the cheering sideline crowds kept her pedaling. Chanting "hills are your friends" didn't hurt either.

Also, just knowing that she would never hear the end of it if Herb crossed the finish line and she didn't, kept her going, she says.

"It was truly an experience of a lifetime," she says, but adds, "if I never see another cactus again, it will be too soon!"

—Judy Wakefield

## Calling all mittens

Frosty isn't the only snowman with something to say.

The Andover Department of Community Services is sponsoring its annual Mitten/Hat Collection Program, which benefits Andover children and adults, as well as Lazarus House in Lawrence.

The following locations in Andover have agreed to participate in the program by displaying a snowman and providing a candy cane or treat for those who bring new or used hats,

gloves and mittens of all sizes. The snowman tells donors that giving is cool.

The snowman will be at these locations: Andover Senior Center, Memorial Hall Library, SHED and Kid's Club, Bancroft School, Sanborn School, Shawsheen School, and the town offices building. To make donations, residents should simply go to one of the locations before noon on Monday, Dec. 18, drop off their donations and get a candy cane.

## Train hits SUV

An Amtrak train slammed into an abandoned vehicle on the tracks near Brickstone Square earlier this week.

Police received a call from Amtrak at 4:30 a.m. Monday, reporting that the north-bound train had struck what police described as a Blazer. No one was injured in the accident.

The train had been traveling at about 60 mph when it crashed into the vehicle, said responding Officer Craig Poirier. The train had minor damage and none of the passengers were hurt.

The vehicle was identified as stolen out of Lawrence. No one was found in or around the vehicle, and there are no suspects at the time, said Poirier.

Elm Street Automotive Center removed the vehicle from the tracks later that same morning.



Photo by Tim Jean

The Dorothy and Roland Hammond Building at 430 North Canal St., Lawrence will be dedicated on Monday, Dec. 18. Family Service Inc. has occupied the building since it was constructed in 1966, and recently purchased it from the United Way, naming it after Andover residents Dorothy and Raymond Hammond, who were supporters of FSI. Family Service was founded in 1854 to provide assistance to mill working families in Lawrence, and now provides mental-health and substance-abuse counseling and employee-assistance programs to area residents.

## In emergency, county is covered

Essex County has been awarded funds under the emergency food and shelter national board program.

Essex County has been chosen to receive \$304,880 to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the area.

The selection was made by the National FEMA Board. The board is charged to distribute funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas of the country.

A local board made up of the United Way and service providers from the five regions of Essex County will determine how the funds will be distributed.

Non-profit 501 C(3) organizations wishing to receive an application should contact the United Way of Merrimack Valley, PO Box 8228, 237 Neck Road, Ward Hill, Mass. 01835.

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## Moody's rates town Aaa

# Town gets top bond rating, figures to save on construction

By Rebecca Piro

Town officials unwrapped an early Christmas present this week when Moody's Investors Service bumped the town's bond rating up to the top-notch slot.

The financial-rating agency awarded Andover the Aaa rating after reviewing the town's financial security in terms of management, industrial and commercial activity and residential development. The rating puts the town in an excellent position for financing its upcoming projects and improves its reputation, says Finance Director Tony Torrisi.

The bump-up will come in handy as the town borrows approximately \$70 million over the next few years for its major

construction projects – the new schools, the public safety center and the sewer project, says Torrisi. With the Aaa rating, the town will be able to borrow those funds at a low interest rate.

"(With) the higher rating, investors are more comfortable and confident that the community can pay its debts and it has good management," Torrisi says.

Ultimately, that means the taxpayers will pay less – probably a couple hundred thousand dollars less, he adds.

On Dec. 1, town officials rented a small van and toured the Moody's representative around town, boasting the residential developments under construction and driving by the big businesses such as Genetics Institute and Gillette, says Tor-

risi.

"That was very impressive to him," he says. "It was a signal to us that we might have been in line for an upgrade."

The town has held an Aa1 rating since 1995. The upgrade puts Andover into the same category with communities like Lexington, Concord and Brookline, and Andover is one of only 11 communities in Massachusetts that Moody's has issued a Aaa rating, says Torrisi.

"It's really quite good company that we're in," he says. "They're well-managed communities and well respected."

That reputation is likely to attract more businesses and developers that will keep Andover thriving, he adds.

"Any chief executive (would want to)

relocate a business to a triple-A community," Torrisi says. "It's a very impressive piece of information for that developer or company to have the (Andover) address."

The new bond rating has already had a chance to work its magic, says Torrisi. On Tuesday, the town closed bids for borrowing \$10 million it will spend on the new schools, the safety center, road repairs and sidewalks. The lowest bid offered an interest rate of 4.77 percent.

"For borrowing \$10 million, that's a pretty darn good rate to borrow at," says Torrisi. "We would have gotten bids at maybe five percent (with the prior Aa1 rating). Even with this sale, we got some benefit."

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## Skate or die? Club choses to skate, at PA

The Andover Skating Club is going to stick around.

Club members have decided to swallow the new, higher rates Phillips Academy will charge to use its ice rink this year, says club President Ed Hunter, because it's better than losing the club alto-

gether.

PA announced this year that it needed to increase its rental rates to compensate for the cost of building two new rinks. Some Skating Club members initially balked at the new rates, which zoomed from \$60 per family to \$45 per person,

Hunter had said previously.

PA Athletics Director Martha Fenton had voiced the possibility of the school taking over the community skating if the Skating Club dissolved under the new rates. But at a meeting Saturday, the majority of Skating Club members

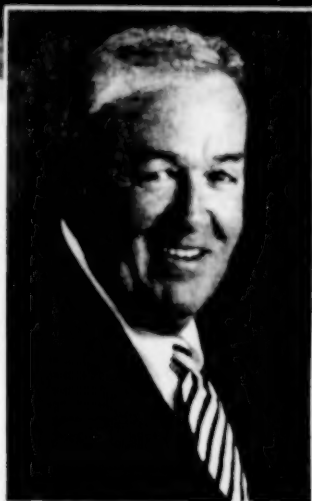
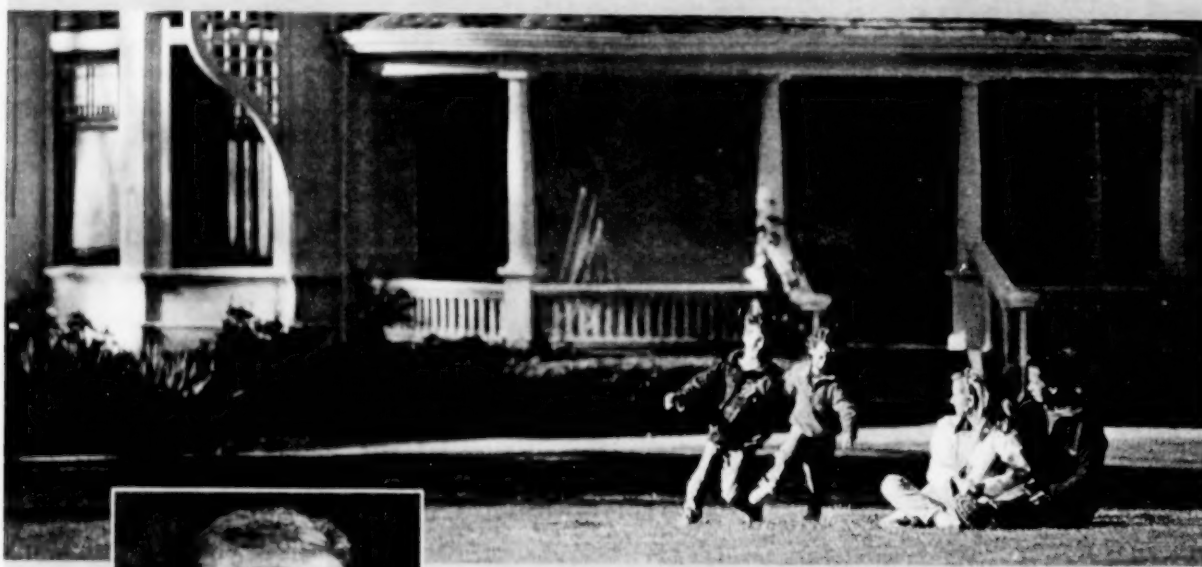
accepted the news, says Hunter.

"We're going to go forward with it," he says, adding that even with the increase, PA's rates are still quite low. "For the most part, (the members) understand that... it's difficult to be in the business of giving things away."

Hunter wants to keep the club going, because he says it has advantages over community skat-

ing. "At a community skate, you are at the will and whim of the (the program host), and you've got to pay every time you go," he says. "The club is a little more organized. You pay once and just go skate."

The hours for skating are also good, Hunter says - mornings and afternoons on Saturdays and Sundays.



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# Helmet law, baby dropoffs among Finegold's bills for 2001

By Adam Groff

A scooter helmet law and the "Baby May" bill were among those filed in the state legislature last Wednesday by Rep. Barry Finegold.

The scooter provision has been a pet cause of Finegold's since he heard about accidents in town during the last year involving young people and the scooters, or "go-peds," which do not require a driver's license and can reach speeds of up to 30 miles per hour. Current law requires children under age 13 on bicycles to wear helmets. But, says Finegold, "Any child on any type of bike should be wearing a helmet." He'd like to see kids on both scooters and bikes wearing a helmet until age 16.

Finegold's Safe Haven Provision, called the Baby May bill after a child abandoned in Worcester this past May, would allow young and desperate mothers who are considering abandoning their infants to instead drop them off at a police station, fire station, or emergency room. The women would have to identify themselves, but the option would be intended to give them time to pull themselves together and get help.

In response to the accusation that the measure would encourage abandonment, Finegold says, "It's not about abandonment, it's about saving lives. It's worked in California, Texas, and a lot of other states, and it can work here."

Less controversial measures Finegold is backing include a limited tax-exemption for people caring for elderly persons in their home, and an initiative to develop a statewide con-

sumer survey that rates nursing homes. Finegold says the latter measure would be an improvement over the current "report card" on nursing homes issued by the Department of Public Health, which does not seek consumer input.

On the environmental front, Finegold is promoting recycling awareness by proposing that the state label, with a green dot, products that are made from recycled materials. "Statewide, the recycling we're doing isn't enough," he says. "We're not near the 50-percent mark," he

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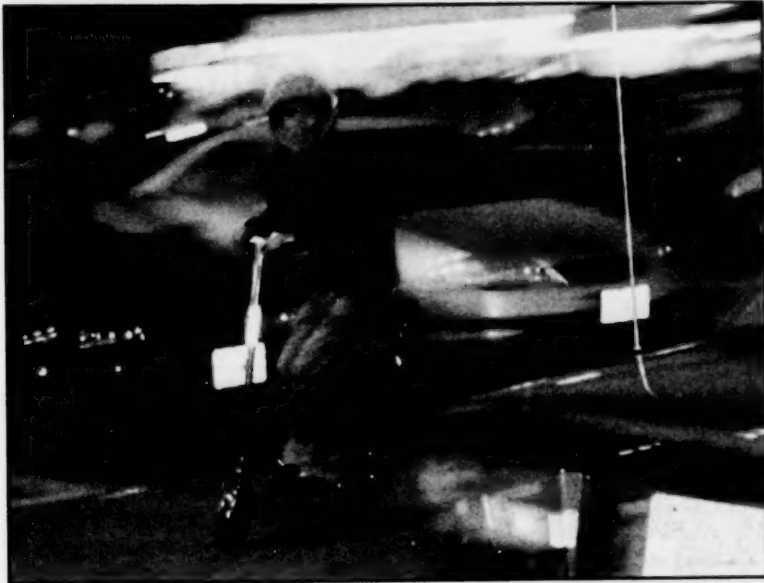


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Helmet cool — Barry Finegold wants to make a law requiring all youth, like the one above zipping through Shawsheen Plaza, to wear a helmet while riding a scooter.

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# Townsmen EDITORIALS

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## Pointed talks on triangle area advisable

Andover has a right to be proud this week, as Moody's Investors Service has given it its highest rating.

Of course, it's residents who will benefit from the rating, as desired businesses will want to stay or relocate to Andover, and the town will get the lowest interest rates on its large, capital projects.

With two new schools, a safety center for police and fire and a huge sewer project approved by the town, that's no small feat.

But while it's time for Andover to avoid building any more big-ticket projects until the current ones are complete, the town must continue to plan for the future.

Looking to improve the so called triangle area is a particularly worthy idea — though it will likely take the bold decision of moving the town yard to make significant changes to the area.

Developing the town yard site has the potential to expand the downtown area substantially. Using the site for a town yard is a waste if there are other places in town to which the yard can be relocated.

"That's one of the most valuable pieces of land in Andover and we're using it to store sand," notes Rep. Barry Finegold.

The public works director is also in favor of moving the yard.

Selectmen should again consider such a move, even though there is guaranteed to be opposition from people who do not want the town yard to be moved closer to their neighborhood.

Finegold says that both state and federal funds would likely be available to pay for the building of a parking lot or garage by the MBTA train station. He and others suggest the possibility of a private/public partnership to create more retail space in conjunction with a garage.

A larger retail area, combined with the work of environmental groups and garden clubs to create scenic trails by the Shawsheen River, at least has the potential to further improve Andover.

It's an idea worth exploring, to see if it can develop into something else of which the town can be proud.



Photo by Tim Jean

**Up, Up and Away** — A grounded Brad Pelletier and a climbing Tane Crossley put up the much anticipated lights on Main Street Tuesday night. There are 1,500 to 2,500 lights on each tree.

## Tradition: Putting sea cows out to pasture



**Neil Fater**

Those who celebrate Christmas might think of December as a special time, when people get their priorities straight. They might think nostalgically about laughing with their family, or staring at a glowing tree on Christmas morning, or giving a special gift to a loved one.

They should get over it.

At least, that's the impression you'd get from most of the clippings that come around regarding the "holiday season."

Because, based on the piles that arrive in the office this time of year, the holidays are a time when people ruin themselves financially, become depressed, gain weight and, each year, more than ever before in history, find themselves in terrible need.

Clearly, the holidays are a dark, dark time.

Yet, for some reason, every organization — businesses, non-profits, even self-help groups — wants a piece of

these nasty holidays.

You think companies are eager to become the official candy, car or lard of the 2002 Olympics? You should see the variety of even well-meaning groups that try to grab hold of Christmas' coat tails. Hundreds of strange groups paint their "products" as important parts of the holiday.

The Sea Turtle Survival League "suggests a sea-turtle adoption as the perfect present for anyone on your gift list."

Yes, I'm sure my brother-in-law would love a sea turtle. Or that my girlfriend would.

The Save the Manatee Club tells people to adopt a manatee. Now, there's a touching scene for you.

Mom: *Here ya go, Joey! A sea cow!*

Joey: *Wow! I can't believe Santa really fit one down the chimney!*

Joey's sister, Mary: *Next year, I'm going to ask him for that set of sea turtles I've always wanted!*

After a while, these messages can almost make you depressed enough to give up the holidays completely. That's why, after being jaded by non-stop news that the holidays are horrid days (but that everyone still should give sea life to those on their Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanza lists), it's nice to actually hear about people who find true meaning in this time of year.

So here's a story to get you in the mood for your festivity:

Three weeks ago, we ran a story about how the Andover Courtyard Marriott off River Road has a decorated tree. The ornaments on the tree come with a tag that gives a brief Christmas list for a child at St. Ann's Home in Methuen.

When the program started a few years ago, it served 73 kids. This year, the hotel was asked to help 103 kids, and it worried if it could do it.

But, just a week or so after the story ran, all 103 ornaments were gone. With nearly a whole month to go before Christmas, every kid was set to get presents. So the hotel told the residents who kept arriving to continue bringing gifts. It also plans to give those gifts to children who want them.

"I'm so thrilled," said Cindy Blum, the sales coordinator who organizes the gift program. "I am so touched by the response I received that we're going to buy more ornaments. It made our holiday special."

I'm guessing the kindness displayed by some Andover residents will make Christmas a little brighter for the kids at St. Ann's home, too. And that's what this dark time of year is about.

Even if the kids don't get the manatee I'm sure was on each of their Christmas lists.

Neil Fater is editor of the Andover Townsman.



# Letters

## Youth, senior centers are priority, not land

Editor, *Townsmen*:

To the Andover Town Manager:

Shame on you!

According to the Dec. 7 edition of the *Townsmen*, you are able to find money to purchase a piece of land for some future use for some \$3.5 million, but you cannot find money for a senior center or a youth center that we need so desperately ("Town eyes pitch for land," Dec. 7, page 1).

I would like an explanation.

I think that it's time you put our priorities in order.

Robert Milstone  
19 William St.

## United against United, because of Boy Scout anti-gay policy

Editor, *Townsmen*:

I want to publicly acknowledge Michael J. Byrne for the courage and clarity to speak up about the Boy Scouts of America excluding gay youth from membership (Letters, *Townsmen*, Dec. 7).

I agree with what Mr. Byrne wrote, and am pleased that we have him as a teacher in Andover.

I had already decided not to contribute to the United Way this year, since it apparently supports the BSA policy. I do feel bad, though, that the other organizations served by the United Way will suffer as a result.

Sharon Magnuson  
4 Old South Lane

## Dog buyers, it's time to dismantle the country's puppy mills

Editor, *Townsmen*:

This letter was posted on rescue site of a dog club I belong to, and is timely for the holiday season of buying dogs as gifts. This is an account from a member of the rescue team, not me:

### Puppy Mills and Pet Shops

Have you ever wondered where pet shops get their puppies? For the most part these puppies come from puppy mills or puppy farms.

I do not believe I will ever look at the world the same way again.

This weekend was worse than I had imagined, worse than I had ever been told to expect.

I attended my first puppy mill auction in Missouri in November.

There were more than 200 dogs and I wanted them all. I wanted to run ranting like a mad woman through the dirt aisles of stacked cages, a screaming piper, opening and releasing every last one of these imprisoned souls.

Periodically, I had to escape the

nasty atmosphere of the barn for a gulp of the cold Missouri air, hoping the frigid gusts would fortify me.

Some cages held one-eyed dogs, others held dogs with recent cuts and old ugly scars, dogs with toenails an inch long, dogs whose hair was one large mat, pregnant females close to delivery, dogs missing ears, legs, teeth.

There were no wagging tails, no yelps of delight, no bright, trusting eyes or playful barks.

Most cowered in the farthest corners of their cages, two or more huddled together, as if their closeness would bring comfort in sharing their misery.

Rescuing just a few is worth the effort, the heartaches, the stench and dirt. Rescuing from these sleazy breeders is a necessary evil. It is only a drop in the bucket, but it is something.

A number of people I talked to knew nothing about puppy mills. They know about them now as do you. Educate, please educate. Relate this horror story. We cannot shut down puppy

mills without educating the public.

And where do you think the offspring of the dogs end up? In a pet shop near you. Yes, I can assure you that virtually all of the cute little puppies came from those same surroundings and parents so disgustingly described above.

If you wish to put a stop to these deplorable actions, please research your breed and buy only from responsible breeders who have puppies produced by two parents who have been tested and deemed clear of inherited problems known in their breed.

Please consider getting a dog or puppy from your breed rescue or a shelter instead of a pet store. Most shelters or SPCAs have addresses and phone numbers of rescue groups for a breed you may be interested in or check it out on the Web.

You can make all the difference in the world.

Karen D. Schnorrenberg  
Colonial Drive

## A dreamy civics lesson from the bingo state



Jack Grady

He keeps kicking under my seat cushion, muttering about "Bad data, suspect data, coming out of the state of Florida."

Overhead, I see the flight-attendant call buttons are shaped like the outline of Florida, and I'm frantically pushing them to see if I can change my seat, only to see that the buttons keep changing from blue to red, then back to blue again.

Dan Rather keeps saying it's too close to call and it's not his fault. He also keeps kicking under my seat and asking the flight attendant if he can have some more coffee.

It's going to be another long ride to nowhere, it appears, and I hope I wake up soon.

### CLOSING TIME

In the aftermath of Watergate and Nixon's resignation, then-President Gerald R. Ford once said, "Our long national nightmare is over."

But considering that Monica-gate ran nearly as long on the national stage as *Forever Plaid*, *Blue Man Group*, and *Little Shop of Horrors*, I'm kind of surprised that everyone's attention span is maxed out at the election cliffhanger we've seen during the last month.

I mean, how many front-lawn interviews did we endure with grand inquisitor Kenneth Starr clutching his Starbucks coffee cup, anyway?

### ONCE IN A LIFETIME

I really thought Martin Sheen, playing President Bartlett on the TV show *West Wing*, would've been a better choice for president than any of the options we had last month.

You know, I don't think there's a dime's worth of difference between Tweedledum and Tweedledee, except for maybe a little more rapid global warming and a few more executions.

But somehow, the Sunshine State managed to weasel its way into the role of tiebreaker, in an election that was essentially a tossup — or *INDECISION 2000* — depending on your point of view.

It was as if the national map of states and their corresponding electoral votes were one giant shuffleboard game.

I think grapefruit would have a better idea of what's at stake here. Florida's managed to get the world's attention because it's been more than a month now since Election Day, and officials there still can't figure out who won its 25 electoral votes.

But now they have to wrap it up and dispatch their electors, because it's almost time for their Early Bird Special, where a whole state eats dinner at 2:30 in the afternoon just to save \$3.

Canada can smoothly elect a prime minister in a day without a hitch; but then again, Canadians have a uniform ballot — none of these homemade jobs shaped like a butterfly. [Or as Web designers like to say, a page with "two columns of labels and a one-column action field."]

Yet Canadians still flock to Florida, where they get to join everyone else playing 16 Bingo cards at one time.

Maybe Florida ballots should've been laid out like Bingo cards: B-1 would be a vote for Bush; N-31 is a vote for Nader; G-46 a vote for Gore.

I love my in-laws, who live in Palm

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## Letters policy

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Letters should be received by the *Townsmen* by Monday at 5 p.m. for consideration in that week's paper. They may be sent by mail, fax or e-mail.

As a general rule, the paper does not publish anonymous letters or thank you letters.

It also does not publish letters for candidates in the issue prior to an election.



# Improvements eyed by School Councils

By Adam Groff

School Council presentations continue at the next School Committee meeting on Dec. 19, with School Improvement Plans being presented by Shawsheen, South, West Middle, and Andover High schools.

The councils are composed of principals, parents, and teachers who spend hours assessing the strengths and weaknesses of their schools according to state-mandated guidelines. West Elementary, Sanborn, Bancroft, and Doherty Middle schools presented their plans on Nov. 28.

The Bancroft group highlighted, among other things, the need for additional seating in their library beyond the four tables with benches that were bolted to the floor in far-flung corners of the room when the school was built in 1969, when the librarian leads a class in a research or other project, according to the par-

ent presenter, the students must sit on the floor, a situation particularly awkward when trying to teach students about new media technologies.

Doherty Middle School had an extensive list of staffing requests because of increasing enrollment: they said they need another seventh-grade teacher, another guidance counselor, another assistant principal, another special education teacher, another nurse, another secretary, another custodian and they would like the teacher who is currently serving as an extracurricular-activities coordinator to receive a stipend for all of the extra hours the teacher works.

West Middle School also includes a number of staffing requests in its School Improvement Plan. The list of full-time staff requests include a sixth-grade teacher, an after-school activities coordinator, a guidance counselor, a secretary, an assistant principal, and a custodian. Part-time requests include teachers of drama, world languages, instrumental music, a special-needs program head and a licensed practical nurse. Space needs continue to be ever-present at West Middle, as they appear to be at all Andover schools. The report makes reference to classes conducted in the auditorium,

cafeteria, and hallway areas.

Part of the budgetary requests at West include a \$3,000 increase in funding for the after-school activities program, a high priority at the school, and \$4,000 for MCAS-preparation materials.

According to South Elementary's plan, they have a need for an additional first-grade teacher, as well as a part-time adjustment counselor and speech and language teacher for the special-needs students at South. The additional counselor would allow South to have a counselor at the school five days a week.

South also has a professional development goal of having 75 percent of its teachers proficient in Internet, e-mail, the multimedia software HyperStudio, and report card conferencing. Additionally, media center budget requests at the school total over \$38,000 per year for the next three years, largely to meet the goal of upgrading the library



File photo

**A lack of space continues to cause problems, such as forcing some classes into hallways, according to school improvement plans.**

print collection, 84 percent of which is more than 10 years old.

Professional development is the highest priority at Shawsheen School, because of the integrated curriculum based around school-wide themes, according to principal Brenda O'Brien. The theme this year is "Space," and the theme next year is "Under the Sea." In order to coordinate the lessons among diverse subjects such as music, art, physical education, and core subjects, the school needs to hold summer workshops for its teachers, as well as update meetings throughout the year.

In addition, Shawsheen is experimenting with the all-day kindergarten option, and would like to implement one section of "all-day K" next fall to replace two of the current six half-day sections.

Finally, Shawsheen would like to create additional space for delivering services such as speech, occupational and physical therapy to special-needs preschool students. Shawsheen provides these services to special-needs preschoolers throughout Andover, and currently 65 such students beyond those actually enrolled at Shawsheen come to the school for these services.

The school proposes to install flooring in a second-story loft area for this purpose.

Council members hope that the burgeoning space needs at Andover schools will be alleviated when the new elementary and middle schools open in 2002.

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# Education

## Students speak out about MCAS test

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the math portion of the test, and 49 failed the English portion, out of 388 who took the test.

But Andover High Principal Peter Anderson said that because these students did not need to pass the test to graduate, these results are not a good indication of students' abilities. "You'll get a better indication next spring, when it's tied to graduation," he said.

(The current class of tenth-graders, who will take the test in spring 2001, will be the first class for whom the test counts toward graduation, in 2003.)

Anderson's thesis seemed to be supported by a group of juniors in the less formal setting of Bruegger's Bagels, where five girls seated around a table sipping coffee uniformly confessed to feelings of apathy and annoyance about the test.

"When we first started to take the test, I tried," said Caitlin Rubenstein. "But it was so long that by the end I didn't care anymore."

Kaitlin Haugh agreed. "I read in the paper about students doing bad on the test as a form of silent protest," she said. "We didn't protest, we just didn't care."

"Some of us wrote essays about why we hate the MCAS,"



Photos by Tim Jean

### MCAS Day — Sean Bartley and Lauren Woo discuss the MCAS.

said Kara Spang, referring to the open response questions on the test. The other girls nodded in agreement. "Or we wrote little stories."

"Some of the questions were just ridiculous," Spang continued. "They were on things we never heard of and never studied. I have a friend who failed, and she gets almost all B's."

Elysia Yet complained about class time lost because of the test. "Some of us were in mixed classes with kids from other grades who weren't taking the test," she said, "and those classes just went on, and we had to catch up after the test."

"If this counted toward our graduation, we'd have had a dif-

ferent attitude," said Amy Galluzzo. "We'd still be mad, but we'd have tried harder."

Two sophomores present at the high school interview will be taking the tenth-grade exam this coming spring, and they are part of the first class that needs to pass the test in order to graduate. They took the eighth-grade test in 1999.

"I thought (the eighth-grade test) was painfully long and difficult," said Sean Bartley, 15. "And I don't like the way our teachers have had to teach to the test. Every Friday was like 'MCAS Day,' and that's all we would learn about in our classes. Our teachers stressed it, because they understand that

it's a reflection of the job they're doing."

"I personally don't feel that the test should determine graduation," said Lauren Woo, 16. "It's not a fair test of what we've learned in four years."



Liz Pallotta and Andrew Ong have their say.

Graduation should be based on grades; personally, it's hard for me to take tests, but I'm an A/B student."

Freshman Liz Palotta, 14, who took the eighth-grade exam this past spring, agreed. "If you're having a bad week or a bad day on the test, it shouldn't reflect on three years of learning," she said.

The students also commented at length about the amount of time spent preparing for and taking the test.

"Everything in our classes stopped for two weeks, and then we had to pick up where we left off afterward," said Palotta, who also noted the heavy writing requirement on the test. "We wrote 13 essays in two weeks."

For sophomores, pointed out Woo, "It takes two weeks out of their year when they're preparing for the SATs, which matter

for their college."

Sophomores generally take the PSATs that year in preparation for the SATs.

Junior Andrew Ong, 15, who took the tenth-grade test this past spring, said that for that reason, and because his class does not need the test to graduate, it spent less time in preparation. "It didn't really count," he said, "so our teachers didn't spend that much time on it. We were preparing for the SATs."

"The amount of time that goes into them is amazing," said Bartley. "I have no problem with standardized testing, but I have a problem with the way they're doing it here (in Massachusetts)."

Woo agreed. "We're not completely against them," she said. "We're just struck by the way they're presented."

## West Middle School announces first-term honor roll

The following students at West Middle School have been named to the honor roll for the first term:

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Betty, Koren Lee  
Bicking, Katherine Emily  
Boumil, Sylvester James  
Brennan, Matthew Sean  
Bryden, Luke John  
Chang, Stephen Ting  
Chari, Roopa Lakshmi  
Chomicz, Amanda Marie Blair  
Chung, Monica Insuk  
Coleman, Erin Kathleen  
Davis, Jennifer Marie  
Day, Alexander John  
Decristofaro, Jessica Lynne  
Delaney, Caitlin Marie  
Dlesk, Jennifer Janette  
Dougherty, Olivia Howe  
Flemming, Heather Leigh  
Ginsberg, Erica  
Gladstein, Katie Jill  
Greenspan, Elena  
Grobicki, Lauren Marie  
Harrington, Meghan Jean  
Hsieh, Brian

Hung, Christina Jane  
Leclerc, Daniel Andrew  
Mackenzie, Kyle Scott  
Maguire, Jeffrey Brad  
Mathias, Rithika  
McCall, Kara Faherty  
Mohammed, Laylah  
Mooney, Meredith Lappin  
Munro, Jacqueline Marie  
Nichols, Katherine Mary  
Nill, Allison Phyllis  
Pinksten, Kristen Marie  
Rabbani, Ayesha Riaz  
Ravens, Daniel Patrick  
Richard, Jodi Sara  
Shu, Andrew Nianwei  
Tenney, Angela Eleanor  
Teperow, Matthew Adam  
Thandi, Pardeep Singh  
Toland, Caitlin Marguerite  
Trageser, Alice Jayne  
Weiner, Joshua Matthew  
Willey, Leslie Joanna  
Wuehrmann, Geoffrey Kent  
Yu, Paul Edward  
Yuan, Alice

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Adams, Samuel Michael  
Bill, Michael Francis  
Borden, William  
Brady, Hannah Caitlin  
Caro, Nicholas John  
Cogliano, Elena

Cohen, Danielle Susan  
Coiro, Andrea  
Corbin, Richard Michael  
Dagan, Mai  
Davidson, Lindsay Ellen  
Eichman, George William  
Espy, Caryn Rachel  
Feiden, Ryan Gregory  
Ferreira, Eric  
Fosse, Erik Christopher  
Fox, John Cortiss  
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Goldstein, Sarah Pearl  
Gostanian, Zachary George  
Greeley, Gabriel Emmett  
Grieve, James Francis  
Griswold, Emily Austin  
Heath, Douglas Robert  
Hennessy, Richard Matthew  
Holber, Alysa Jennifer  
Hughes, Timothy Craig  
Hutchins, Meredith DiNatale  
Iannelli, John Matthew  
Iorio, Matthew Joseph  
Jackson, Caitlin  
Kaufman, Robert Samuel  
Korte, Erin Margaret  
MacKay, Skye Marie  
Martin, Hallie Abigail  
Mekkaoui, Cherine Juliana  
Moriarty, Brittany Dean  
Muller, James Grant  
Palermo, Jennifer  
Paterman, Jeremy Scott

Philpott, Ryan Shreve  
Prochilo, Anthony Paul  
Rosenblatt, Claudia Rachelle  
Roszkowski, Augustin  
Sandman, Zachary David  
Saunders, Erin Suzanne  
Schirmer, Davis James Devne  
Sebasky, Carolyn Marie  
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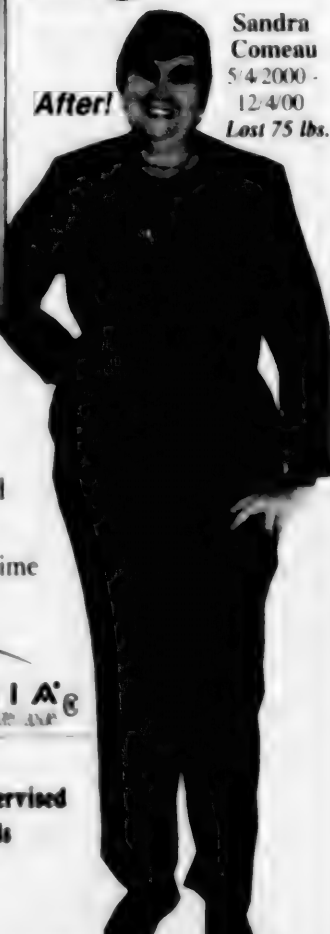
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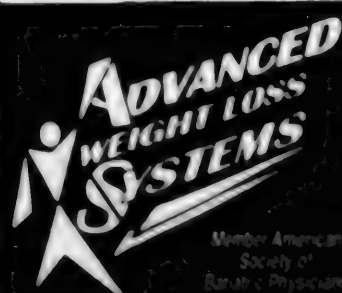
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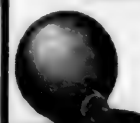
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### Elementary schools

**Monday:** Nachos with cheese sauce, slice of pizza with salad, baked chicken nuggets, salad, fresh fruit, milk, and Hoodsie.

**Tuesday:** Spaghetti and meatballs, hot dog with potato puffs, baked chicken nuggets, applesauce, peas, and milk.

**Wednesday:** Meatball sub, mozzarella sticks, baked chicken nuggets, peaches, carrots, and milk.

**Thursday:** Toasted cheese sandwich with soup, pizza with salad, baked chicken nuggets, green beans, apple slices with cinnamon, and milk. (Lucky Tray Day.)

**Friday:** Baked chicken nuggets, Chicken McSchool, pears, corn, Jello, and milk.

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**Monday:** Nachos with cheese sauce, pizza with salad, baked chicken nuggets, salad, fresh fruit, and milk.

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**Wednesday:** Meatball sub, mozzarella sticks, baked chicken nuggets, peaches, apricot crisp, carrots, and milk.

**Thursday:** Toasted cheese sandwich with soup, pizza with salad, baked chicken nuggets, green beans, apple slices with cinnamon, and milk. (Lucky Tray Day.)

**Friday:** Steak and cheese sub, baked chicken nuggets, Chicken McSchool, pears, corn, Jello, and milk.

### Secondary schools

**Monday:** Two tacos with lettuce and tomato, bologna or ham sub with cheese and toppings, pasta with marinara sauce, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie, and milk.

**Tuesday:** Baked ham with potato, stuffed crust pizza, bologna or ham sub with cheese and toppings, pasta ilio olio, fruit, veggie and milk.

**Wednesday:** Chicken broccoli & ziti, stuffed crust pizza, bologna or ham sub with cheese and toppings, pasta with marinara sauce, fruit, veggie, and milk.

**Thursday:** Oven baked chicken, stuffed crust pizza, bologna or ham sub with cheese and toppings, pasta ilio olio with roll, fruit, veggie and milk.

**Friday:** Chicken McSchool, stuffed crust pizza, bologna or ham sub with cheese and toppings, pasta with marinara sauce, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie, and milk.

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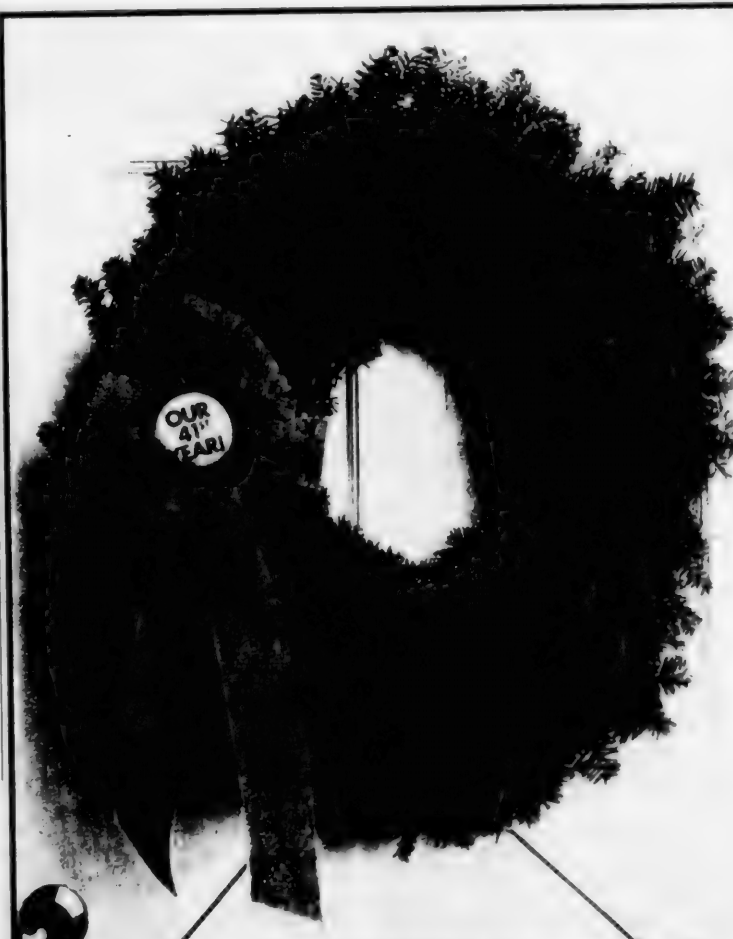
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Around the world — The Andover branch of the American Field Service Club (AFS) recently held its annual International Banquet. Charles Cutler (above, with his wife, Phyllis), president of the adult AFS chapter, welcomed this year's foreign students attending Andover High. After a buffet of international dishes, attendees listened to presentations made by Sorra Suntharapot (Thailand), Matilde Jensen (Denmark), and Bruno Zanetti Carazzoni (Paraguay). Also attending the banquet was Laura Cohen, an AHS student who spent the summer in Italy as an AFS "American Abroad" student. For more information on AFS and its programs, call Dot Hilbink at 375-4689.

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# News

## MIT students propose more than just parking garage to improve area River cleanup, affordable housing seen for 'triangle area'

By Rebecca Piro

Some residents have probably never realized that the Shawsheen River runs just behind Railroad Street.

Others may have never dreamed that the old mill buildings could be renovated into affordable housing.

These are realities that several graduate students from MIT believe deserve the town's attention. They want to turn what they call the triangle area — the land between North Main Street, Essex Street and the Shawsheen River — into a thriving, attractive area of town.

The students spent a semester interviewing triangle residents and business owners to discover ways to improve the uses and appearance of the area. They presented their results at a meeting last Wednesday, Dec. 6, offering some thoughts that town officials

say they want to ponder.

The triangle area has many assets, says student Wendy Jastremski, including the Shawsheen River and the old mill architecture. But those assets are underutilized, she says. The river banks are littered and hidden by brush, and the mill buildings could be better used for something like affordable housing.

"The river area is a hidden jewel," says student Meghan Horl. "The river banks are not being used to their highest potential. It (would be) fairly easy to make the river more inviting and welcoming." Simple changes, such as increasing the accessibility to the waterfront, would draw more people to the natural resource, she adds.

The students designed several

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Photo by Tim Jean

Station to station — Creating more parking for the morning commute is just one aspect to improving the so-called triangle area. MIT students suggest creating a walking path and/or affordable housing.

## Moving the town yard, building garage one idea

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tor, disagrees that a four-story parking garage is the best solution to the parking crunch. Not only would a looming building be unattractive, but it is more appropriate for a city than a suburb, he says.

"A (four-story) parking garage there just doesn't fit," says Costanzo. "It would damage the neighborhood there... from an urban design point of view."

Instead, Costanzo's MVRTA proposes a two-level parking deck to be constructed over the current town yard, located off Pearson and Lewis Streets. The town yard could still operate from beneath the parking structure. MVRTA's other suggestion is that a two-level parking deck be constructed on the current commuter-lot site.

The MVRTA's plans also include minor parking additions to the Ballardvale station and the construction of a major parking facility in Lawrence.

But a parking structure over the town yard doesn't appeal to Public Works Director Jack Petkus.

"I'm not saying it can't be done," he says. "(But) right now, we're tight for space, and anything that takes away maneuvering room is going to be a problem for us."

The number of columns that would be needed to support the parking deck, and the height that would be necessary to squeeze the DPW equipment underneath, would make the project a difficult one, Petkus says.

Petkus would rather see the town act on an idea that has been suggested for a long time, and is supported by Finegold — to move the town yard from its current location to a new one, and take it out of the equation. However, that option has its own challenges.

Recently, the town considered four or five relocation sites for the town yard, including the old dump off Ledge Road, a site off Ballardvale Road and a location off Routes 125 and 28. But in each case the results were the same — none of the residents wanted it in their neighborhood.

"No one wants it in their backyard," Petkus says.

"I think the town should move the town yard to another location, and we should build a full facility there," which would include parking and retail stores, Finegold says.

"Not only would it solve the problem of commuter-rail parking, but it would also solve (the problem of) downtown parking," he adds.

Finegold wants to see the selectmen take firm action on the MVRTA options before them.

"We're never going to have a full consensus on anything we do," he says. "These are quality-of-life issues. We have a lot of people that choose to live in Andover because they can commute into Boston. It's not going to be easy, but we need to come together to find (a) solution."

Resident and architect Bill Holt, who attended the MIT students' presentation, agrees that parking is one of the biggest problems facing Railroad Street.

"I am a commuter, and I gave up and (started tak-

ing) the bus," he said.

However, Holt disagrees that structured parking is the solution.

"(Garages) tend to be kind of creepy places after hours," he says. They are also a very urban solution and the town should preserve its suburban feel, he adds.

Instead, Holt wonders if anyone had ever considered moving the rail station to the opposite side of Essex Street.

While the student groups say they have not entertained the possibility, Costanzo says that MVRTA thought about it and then turned it down.

"I think we looked at (that alternative), but there was something about the site that made us move away from that," such as environmental concerns, says Costanzo. "It didn't jump out at us as an alternative."

If there are to be some improvements anytime soon, the next step is for selectmen to decide what they want to do with the proposals, says Costanzo. He will meet with the board on Monday, Dec. 18 to review the MVRTA's suggestions.

"Really, the selectmen just have to decide if they want to pursue this," says Costanzo.

Planning Director Steve Colyer, who is also a board member for the MVRTA study, wants to wait and see what Lawrence says about MVRTA's plans before he supports any parking solutions in Andover, whether from the MVRTA or the students.

"I want to see how Lawrence reacts to the (plan) before I would move forward on supporting structured parking," Colyer says.

The selectmen will also have the choice of deciding what to do with the students' suggestions, says Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski.

The board will have to decide whether to use the plans just as groundwork, or as a guiding principle in some real changes. There may be an opportunity to combine the MVRTA's suggestions and the students' plans, he adds.



Photo by Tim Jean

All aboard? — Public Works Director Jack Petkus is one of those who would like to replace the piles of sand at the town yard with a parking deck for the adjacent MBTA stop.



# POLICE LOG

## ARRESTS

Wednesday, Dec. 6 - At 9:40 a.m., George Simon, 40, of 21 Stevens St., Lowell, was arrested and charged with driving after his license was revoked for drunk driving, driving an unregistered vehicle and failing to have his vehicle inspected.

At 4:13 p.m., Gregory Afarian, 23, of 17 Inglewood St., North Andover, was arrested

and charged with being a disorderly person, speeding and not wearing a seatbelt.

At 9:07 p.m., Karen O'Connor, 47, of 270 Littleton Road, Chelmsford, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and failing to stay within marked lanes.

At 10:11 p.m., Robert Buck, 31, of 8 Summer St., was arrested and charged with ille-

gally possessing a Class D substance, driving with defective equipment and a second and subsequent offense of driving after his license was suspended.

Thursday, Dec. 7 - At 11:39 a.m., James Ketchen, 33, of 2 Clinton St., Haverhill, was arrested and charged with illegally possessing a Class D substance.

At 2:53 p.m., Andrew Edgecomb, 39, of 60 Highland View Road, Tewksbury, was arrested and charged on a warrant for failing to pay motor vehicle fines.

At 9:18 p.m., Andre Beaudoin, 32, of 23D Orchard Ave., Haverhill, was arrested and charged with driving after his license plates

were revoked, driving after his license was suspended, driving without insurance and violating the seat-belt law.

At 11:10 p.m., Dana Krahn, 31, of 15 Dyer Ave., Salem, N.H., was arrested and charged with a second offense of driving under the influence of alcohol and driving through a stop sign.

Friday, Dec. 8 - At 9:25 a.m., Alexander Santiago, 32, of 70 Cross St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with driving without a license and registration and illegally attaching plates to a motor vehicle.

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At 2:42 p.m., Norman Powers, 36, of 180 Middlesex St., Lowell, was arrested and charged with illegal possession of a hypodermic needle or syringe.

At 9:49 p.m., Alan Williams, 37, of 621 S. Union St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and failing to use care while driving on a state highway.

Saturday, Dec. 9 - At 1:14 p.m., Kwadwo Tuffour, 27, of 19 Masrion St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with driving after his right to drive was revoked and for driving an unregistered vehicle.

Sunday, Dec. 10 - At 1:31 a.m., Michael Baldacchino, 21, of 10 Marland St., was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, violating a stop sign, speeding and driving so as to endanger.

At 2:10 a.m., a 22-year-old male from Andover was taken into protective custody for intoxication.

At 3:31 a.m., John Turczynski, 20, of 191 Crestwood Drive, Gardner, was arrested and charged with being a disorderly person and resisting arrest.

Monday, Dec. 11 - At 2:59 p.m., Ruben Aviles, 17, of 3 Memorial Circle, was arrested and charged with trespassing.

At 9:15 p.m., Filipe Ricci, 17, of 63 Osgood St., was arrested and charged with illegally possessing a Class D substance.

Tuesday, Dec. 12 - At 4:20 p.m., John Shaughnessy, 24, of 14 Osgood St., was arrested for a second or subsequent offense of driving with a suspended license and failing to display license plates.

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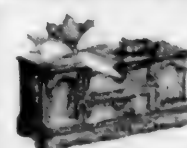
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## INCIDENTS

Wednesday, Dec. 6 - At 12:28 p.m., a vice-principal at Andover High School reported that two students had threatened a juvenile through e-mail. A school counselor talked to the students to settle the matter.

At 9:58 p.m., an officer "gave the word" to a person urinating on the side of the road.

Thursday, Dec. 7 - At 12:51 p.m., a Shipman Road resident reported that she could hear a female yelling for help. A responding officer determined that the female had locked herself inside her bathroom. The officer assisted in helping the female out.

Friday, Dec. 8 - At 11:36 a.m., the fire department forced entry into two Mulberry Circle homes to shut off the gas after a pipe rupture was reported.

At 3:16 p.m., a Fairway Drive resident

reported an obscene message on her answering machine.

At 3:18 p.m., a Brickstone Square employee reported that another employee had been harassed.

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At 1:29 p.m., a caller reported that a male on Main Street was heard speaking in a suicidal manner. Police, checking on the described male, found him to have taken too many pills and transported him to the hospital for treatment.

At 5:59 p.m., a Rocky Hill Road resident reported that her oil tank had ruptured. The fire department responded to the house to take care of the leak.

Tuesday, Dec. 12 - At 10:04 p.m., a resident reported that a person, whom his daughter has a restraining order against, was harassing her through the computer.

## THEFTS

Wednesday, Dec. 6 - At 8:32 a.m., an officer reported that a person's cellular phone was stolen from a Dunkin' Donuts.

At 5:27 p.m., West Andover Mobil gas station reported the theft of some gas.

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2:37 p.m., a female reported that her cell phone was stolen.

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At 4:48 p.m., a Hidden Road resident reported that someone had illegally cashed a check on his bank account.

## AUTO INCIDENTS

Wednesday, Dec. 6 - At 3:31 p.m., an officer on Chestnut Street stopped a bus driver for Rainbow Kids Inc. from Lawrence. The driver was cited for operating without a school-bus license, not wearing a seatbelt, transporting a child under five without using a car seat and driving a vehicle with bald tires.

At 4:31 p.m., Lowell police requested help from the Andover canine unit to track four suspects involved in stealing a vehicle. Police did not find anyone.

At 5:52 p.m., a female called from Osgood Street to request help for her seven-month-old baby that was locked inside her vehicle. An officer and Elm Street Auto helped unlock the car.

At 10:14 p.m., a car fire was reported

on River Road. A responding officer determined that the abandoned vehicle was stolen out of Providence, R.I. The vehicle was burned beyond recovery. The owner was notified.

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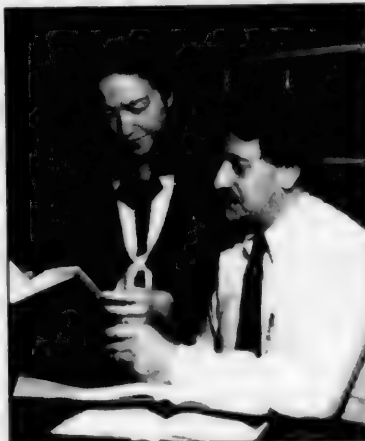
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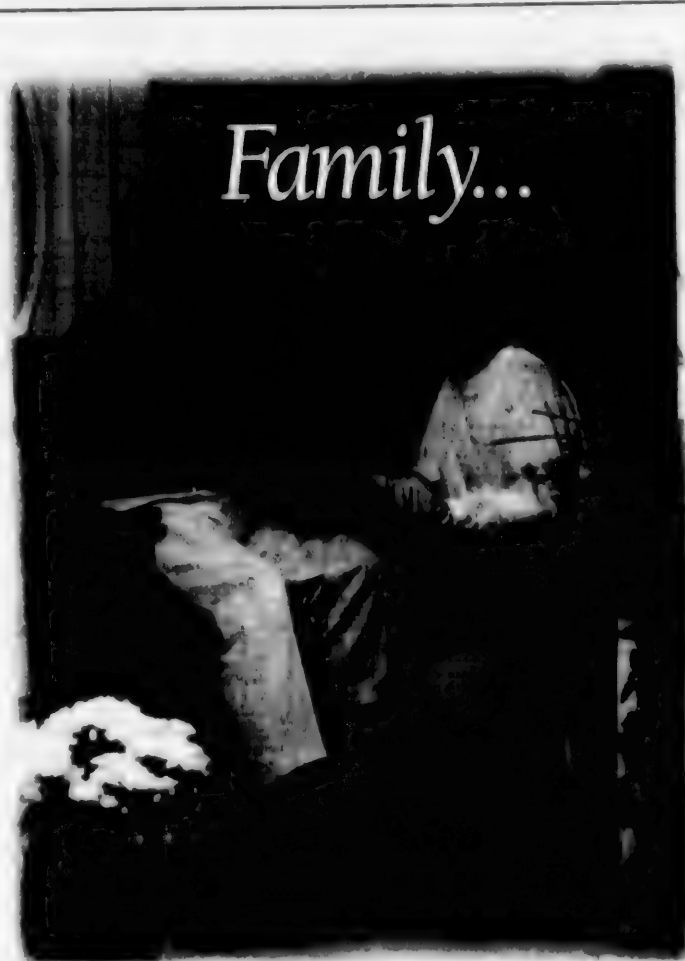


  
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# Changes, down by the river?

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sketches of possible waterfronts, walks, bridges and even a waterfront restaurant where the public could take full advantage of the beauty of the river.

Resident Chris Huntress welcomed the students' comments at the presentation and expressed surprise at their conclusions.

"After living in town for a number of years, I never really associated that part of town with the riverfront," he said.

Town Planning Director Steve Colyer says that the possibilities with the river inspire him the most.

"I'm most excited about the preservation of the river," says Colyer. "It's always bugged me that it's hidden (and) misused. I thought a lot of (residents) were impressed with the idea of cleaning it up and greening it up, and making it more accessible to the public."

The changes to the riverfront can be as involved as the town chooses, Colyer says. While it is possible to "over-plan and over-work an environmental area," the river improvements could be as simple as cleaning up the water and adding a few pedestrian

trails along the banks. The interest to make the changes happen is there, he adds.

"There's enough people interested in the river corridor that could take this under their wing," Colyer says.

## Housing solutions

A lack of affordable housing is an issue that Andover struggles with, as student Joshua Switzky discovered during his research. Using the land and the existing buildings on the triangle for affordable housing may be one possible solution.

"Some of these mill buildings (at Dundee Park) are being used for storage right now," says Switzky. "They (could be) used for housing."

"Housing would be a good choice for that area, especially because the town has been searching for ways to accommodate affordable-housing needs," agrees resident and MIT professor Terry Szold, who oversaw the students' research. Residential buildings could help the traffic and parking crunch problems in the area as well, because more people could leave their cars at home.

Colyer agrees that Dundee Park and other buildings in that area could possibly be used for affordable housing.

"Is it time to take another look at Dundee Park? I think so," he says.

With the study completed, town officials now need to decide what to do with the information before them.

"I think the town's going to take this (study) seriously," says Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski. "They did some good ground-work. The next step is for us to decide how we want to use it."

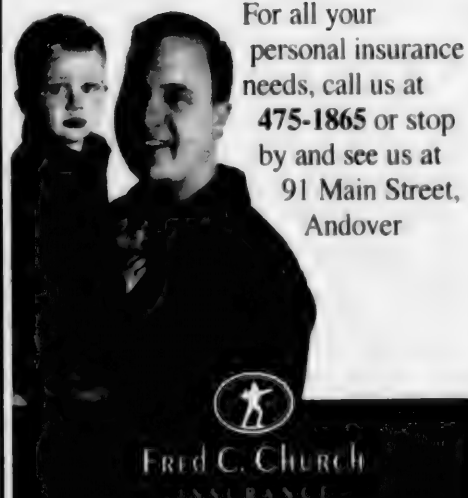
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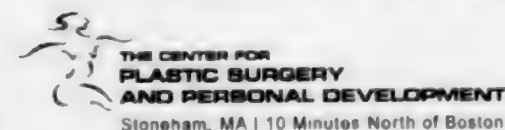


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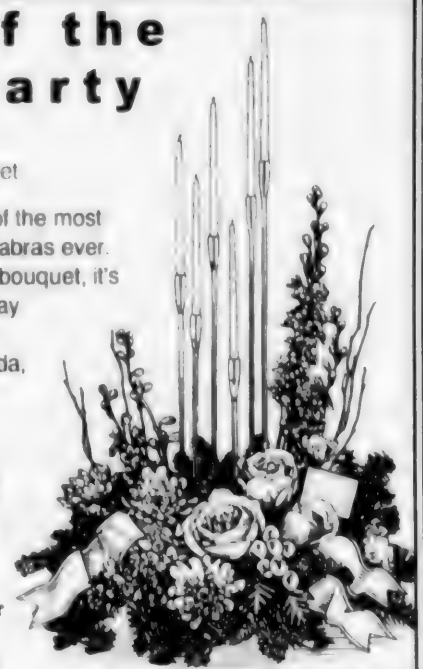


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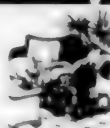
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# Changes, down by the river?

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sketches of possible waterfronts, walks, bridges and even a waterfront restaurant where the public could take full advantage of the beauty of the river.

Resident Chris Huntress welcomed the students' comments at the presentation and expressed surprise at their conclusions.

"After living in town for a number of years, I never really associated that part of town with the riverfront," he said.

Town Planning Director Steve Colyer says that the possibilities with the river inspire him the most.

"I'm most excited about the preservation of the river," says Colyer. "It's always bugged me that it's hidden (and) misused. I thought a lot of (residents) were impressed with the idea of cleaning it up and greening it up, and making it more accessible to the public."

The changes to the riverfront can be as involved as the town chooses, Colyer says. While it is possible to "over-plan and over-work an environmental area," the river improvements could be as simple as cleaning up the water and adding a few pedestrian

trails along the banks. The interest to make the changes happen is there, he adds.

"There's enough people interested in the river corridor that could take this under their wing," Colyer says.

## Housing solutions

A lack of affordable housing is an issue that Andover struggles with, as student Joshua Switzky discovered during his research. Using the land and the existing buildings on the triangle for affordable housing may be one possible solution.

"Some of these mill buildings (at Dundee Park) are being used for storage right now," says Switzky. "They (could be) used for housing."

"Housing would be a good choice for that area, especially because the town has been searching for ways to accommodate affordable-housing needs," agrees resident and MIT professor Terry Szold, who oversaw the students' research. Residential buildings could help the traffic and parking crunch problems in the area as well, because more people could leave their cars at home.

Colyer agrees that Dundee Park and other buildings in that area could possibly be used for affordable housing.

"Is it time to take another look at Dundee Park? I think so," he says.

With the study completed, town officials now need to decide what to do with the information before them.

"I think the town's going to take this (study) seriously," says Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski. "They did some good ground-work. The next step is for us to decide how we want to use it."



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## Selectmen's starting gun

ing more money for education will continue to be one of his goals. But other issues he says he'll push include building consensus for a community center, addressing transportation problems, and holding down taxes.

"I loved being on the School Committee. But I do right now want to move on to larger issues—and clearly one of those issues is education," he said.

### Community center

Though McCarron says he would now push for the private youth and senior-center groups to work together on creating a community center in West Andover because the town can't afford to build a center itself, McCarron says that selectmen should already have built one with town money.

"The reason I'm running for selectmen is because this should already be," says McCarron. "I think the board has missed its opportunity to direct the town manager to have this as his priority."

"I believe that the Board of Selectmen should have directed the town manager (during) the last five to seven years to address this problem as other communi-

ties have," he says. "I think it's ill-advised to have the youth competing with the seniors for dollars when they could be working together."

He wants a community center to serve all age groups.

"I think we should be looking at a community center out there," he says. "That may not be what comes to be."



Tim McCarron

### Trains and pains

Transportation issues are "an immediate problem right now and only getting worse," he says.

McCarron supports adding a ramp off Interstate 93 into the Ballardvale business area, as is being pursued, and wants to look into opening the former Shawsheen train station. He also would like to see the town consider building below-ground parking on Park Street, behind Old Town Hall, with above-ground parking at street level.

### Taxes

While McCarron supports building a community center and a parking garage, he says the town should not do so for a few years.

"We need to start to heed the advice of

the Finance Committee. The town has been gracious enough to (support building) two new schools. The same can be said for the safety center," he says.

But the town has a full plate now. "We need to get past that window of what seems to be 2003, 2004 and not bring on any other major projects," says McCarron. "Right now, we're doing extremely well as a town due to taxes such as excise and hotel. I'm not a doom-and-gloomer (on the economy); however, we need to

honor those commitments we have."

Andover residents' support for state ballot Question 4 "spoke quite clearly about how the community feels about the current level of taxes," he says. McCarron characterizes his position as "maintaining the rate of growth."

"When I was running for School Committee people said, 'Hey, he's a teacher. He's going to be giving away the candy store.' Well, I didn't give away the candy store," he says.

### For School Committee incumbents

## Reelection part of vocabulary

By Adam Groff

Tina Girdwood and Dick Collins, the School Committee members up for reelection in March, both say they'll be on the ballot again.

Collins is finishing his first term.

In response to question of what issues are important to him, he said, "The issues are the same as they've been my whole life: I want the best possible school system for our kids."

Collins moved to Andover in 1959, began teaching social studies and coaching track and football at Andover High, and continued doing so until he retired in 1996. The School Committee has been a way for him to remain involved with Andover schools.

"I think the relationship between the teaching staff and the superintendent and

the School Committee has improved a great deal" during his time on the committee, added Collins. "Tina will be running too, and I give her my full support."

Chairwoman Girdwood is at the end of her second term, and she, too, says she's proud of the consensus-building environment there. In particular, she said, the new-schools initiative to alleviate overcrowding has been a success.

"There was a great sense of satisfaction that it was a group effort at collaborative problem-solving," she said, of the effort to build the two new schools. "We said, 'This is a town problem, not just a school problem, so let's get the community involved.'"

"I always think of election time as a time for people to evaluate us," she said. "Hopefully they will think of what we've done, and the environment we've created."

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# Arts & Entertainment

## 'Great teachers, great experiences' made the difference for this actress

By Rebecca Piro

Most Andover residents would be hard-pressed to remember the 1983 West Elementary production of *Annie Get Your Gun*, and the face of former resident Laura Fallon.

But since that first appearance onstage in front of a school-auditorium audience — "I was the third girl from the left," Fallon laughs — she has continued performing, and she'll soon be seen by millions in a Jan. 17 appearance on NBC's *Law and Order*.

Fans of the cops-and-lawyers drama know that the show always opens with a crime scene and two gruff, hardened detectives who grill the bystanders to gather clues.

Fallon will make her appearance right after the credits as Rebecca Kent, a jewelry-store employee who discovers the crime.

What happens next is anybody's guess.

"I don't know how it ends. I

will know when everybody

else knows," she says. "Because of the nature of (my) character, I didn't read the entire script. (Rebecca) wouldn't have known what happened."

That style of acting, which Fallon calls reality-based or method acting, is the result of years of practice.

Fallon began theater productions in sixth grade, and continued as an Andover High School student and later as a student at Mount Holyoke College. A 1989 Andover High graduate, she

was named in her yearbook as best female thespian by her

classmates. She played in *Godspell*, *Grease*, *Oklahoma* and more while in Andover, and, having moved to New York for work, she recently delved into television and film.

The chance to act on one of television's top-rated shows came as a last-minute phone call.

"The call came out of the blue," remembers Fallon, who had sent her picture and resume to the casting director for *Law and*

*Order*. "I read for her and three hours later I read for the director. The rest is history."



AHS grad Laura Fallon will appear at the start of the Jan. 17 episode of NBC's *Law and Order*.

Though her time on-air this January is very brief, the experience was a thrilling one, Fallon says.

"It was really exciting and fun. The people were down to earth and very nice," she says. "It teaches me the value of being yourself. There are people who get wrapped up in how famous they are, and there are people who don't distance themselves from (others) who haven't made it yet."

As for her success thus far, Fallon is grateful to those who taught her.

"In New York, a lot of times people say that getting that break, or being on something like *Law and Order* is about luck, timing and getting ready for it," she says. "I'm thankful that I had great teachers and great experiences that made me really comfortable in front of the camera."

While theater and television are two of Fallon's passions, she has other interests she wants to pursue. She majored

at Mount Holyoke in psychology and political science, and today she runs marathons, hikes and cycles. Right now, she spends two days a week teaching three social-skills classes to middle-school kids in New York.

"I want to give back as much as I can," she says. "It's an opportunity for me as a performer to use my skill to give back to the people who are in my position 20 years ago."

Fallon intends to continue looking for work in New York with her husband, Eric, who is also an actor, and she'll be keeping her eyes open for the next theater or television job that comes her way.

For now, she eagerly awaits the debut of the Jan. 17 episode, which she promises is worth tuning in for.

"I've heard from other people involved in the show that this is a really great episode. They tell me it's got this great twist, and (I'm) lucky to be in this one," she laughs.

## HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE AT THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY • PHOTOS BY TIM JEAN



The Andover Historical Society hosted "Winter Traditions and Holiday Customs" Dec. 6 to 9, including a Family Day last Saturday. (Left photo) In addition to the open house and tours, Linda Hamilton led the second of two sing-a-longs. (Center photo) Mary-Kae Marinac and her daughter Jennifer Quirnbach look at a gingerbread house by Annette Grams on exhibit at the open house. Visitors discovered how the holidays are celebrated around the world and shared some of their family traditions. (Right photo) Valerie and her daughter Gracie Jackson look into one of the decorated rooms in the 1819 Amos Blanchard House, home of the Historical Society, at 97 Main St. Multicultural holiday traditional displays included El Dia de Tres Reyes (Epiphany), the seven symbols of Kwanzaa, the Scottish celebration of Robert Burns, a collection of antique menorahs, vintage electric trains, and decorative Christmas trees. A silent auction of holiday gifts topped off the weekend.



# EVENTS CALENDAR

**THURSDAY, DEC. 14**  
**Decorative arts workshop,** 7 p.m. \$10, hosted by the North Andover Garden Club, Stevens Memorial Library, 345 Main St., North Andover. Jill Barker 688-9345.  
**Live comedy,** Boston Comedy Showcase, 8 p.m., call for prices, The Comedy Palace at Grill 93, River Road, Andover; (888) 865-2844.

**FRIDAY, DEC. 15**  
**Craft, bake sale,** 9 a.m.

3 p.m., Andover Senior Center, 36 Bartlet St., 623-8321.

**Live comedy,** Greg Giraldo, 9 p.m., call for prices, The Comedy Palace at Grill 93, River Road, Andover; (888) 865-2844.

**Live comedy,** John David, Stephanie Peters, Dave Greenburg, 9:30 p.m., call for prices, Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, Rte. 125, North Andover; (781) 938-8088.  
**Folk singer Nancy-**

**Lynn Cooper in concert,** sponsored by Temple Emanuel of Andover, joining the cantor and youth and adult choirs for an evening of Hanukkah music, 7:30 p.m., Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggetts Pond Road, Donn Rosensweig 470-1356.

**SATURDAY, DEC. 16**  
**Nutcracker,** Dance Prism, 2:30, 6:30 p.m., \$16 adults, \$10 children, seniors, Collins Center;

(781) 371-1038.

**Breakfast with Santa,** 8:30-10:30 a.m., Old Town Hall, 20 Main St., photos available, sponsored by Andover Center Association; Tom Keefe 475-7872.

**Hanukkah celebration,** 6 p.m., with silent auction, quilt raffle, Solomon Schechter Day School of Merrimack Valley, 514 Main St., Haverhill; Gail Korinow (978) 372-4140.  
**Victorian tea for children** ages 7-12, 1-2

p.m., (no adults, limited to 12 children), \$12, Whistler House Museum of Art, 243 Worthen St., Lowell; (978) 452-7421.

**Once Upon a Mattress,** Jewish Community Center of Marblehead, 8 p.m., \$10 adults, \$5 children, Collins Middle School, Salem, Mass.; (978) 927-8977.

**The Elves and the Shoemaker,** Pingree Children's Theatre Troupe, 11 a.m., Mary Weld Center for the

Performing Arts, 537 Highland St., South Hamilton; (978) 468-2194.

**New England Two-Steppers dance,** Chelmsford Elks, Rte. 110, Chelmsford; (978) 256-6130.

**Holiday concert,** Merrimack Valley String Orchestra, 7 p.m., free, Universalist-Unitarian Church, 15 Kenoza Ave., Haverhill; (978) 372-9158.

**Breakfast with Santa,** 8-11 a.m., call for seat-

ing, \$20 per non-member families, YMCA, 165 Haverhill St.; 685-3541.

**Mozart Christmas,** the Master Singers, 8 p.m., \$16, \$14 seniors, First Parish Church, 7 Harrington Road, Lexington; (781) 862-6459.

**Live comedy,** Greg Giraldo, 8, 10:30 p.m., R-rated hypnotist, 10:30 p.m., call for prices, The Comedy Palace at Grill 93, River Road, Andover; (888) 865-2844.

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**SUNDAY, DEC. 17**

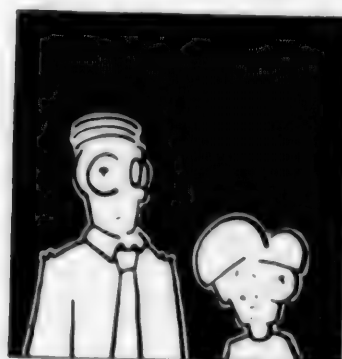
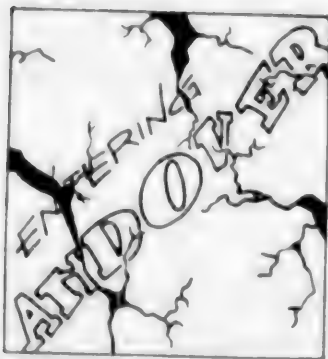
**Moderate hike,** sponsored by Andover Appalachian Mountain Club, 1 p.m., Ipswich River, Bradley Palmer State Park, Topsfield; Faith Evans (978) 356-2008.

**Old-fashioned family Christmas concert,** sponsored by Ballardvale United Church, music will be performed by senior and youth choirs as well as solos and quartets, program will conclude with a sing-a-long followed by refreshments in Fellowship Hall, 4 p.m., free, Ballardvale United Church, 23 Clark Road; 475-2506.

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**Hanukkah party**, 2-4 p.m., \$3 or \$8 per family, sponsored by Havurat Shalom, Christ Church, 25 Central St.; (978) 352-7315.

**Christmas concert**, 6 p.m., St. Robert Bellarmine Church, Haggetts Pond Road.

**Cradle roll for pre-schoolers**, 9 a.m., \$5, Temple Emanuel, Haggetts Pond Road; 470-1356.

**Live comedy**, Boston Comedy Showcase, 8 p.m., call for prices, The Comedy Palace at Grill 93, River Road, Andover; (888) 865-2844.

**Nutcracker, Dance Prism**, 2:30 p.m., see Dec. 16 entry.

**Once Upon a Mattress**, 2 p.m., see Dec. 16 entry.

## MONDAY, DEC. 18

**Mini health clinic for seniors**, 1-2 p.m., Frye Circle, sponsored by Board of Health; 623-8295.

**Building dedication**, 4-6 p.m., Family Service Inc., 430 N. Canal St., Lawrence; Christine Latino 683-9505, Ext. 30.

## TUESDAY, DEC. 19

**Jazz**, Tim Ray Trio, 7:30-10:30 p.m., \$5 cover, Casa Vecchia Restaurant, Rte. 97 Salem, N.H.; (603) 893-6553.

## WEDNESDAY, DEC. 20

No events scheduled.

## THURSDAY, DEC. 21

**Live comedy**, Boston Comedy Showcase, 8 p.m., call for prices, The Comedy Palace at Grill 93, River Road, Andover; (888) 865-2844.

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**Yikes!** — Jacko Willette stars as Scrooge and Rob Carroll is Jacob Marley in the Valley Players production of *Dickens, a Christmas Carol* at the Amesbury Playhouse, 194 Main St., Amesbury, through Dec. 23. Call (978) 388-9444 for more information.

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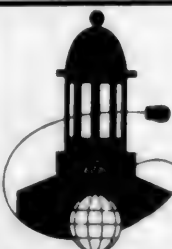
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## FRIDAY, DEC. 22

**Live comedy,** Jim Colliton, Jesse Emmett, TJ Griffin, 9:30 p.m., call for prices, Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, Rte. 125, North Andover; (781) 938-8088.

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**North Andover Historical Society,** 153 Academy Road, North Andover, maintains two sites that feature museum galleries: 1789 Johnson Cottage, an artisan's home and workshop, and 1715 Parson Barnard House, depicting life from 1715-1830, 179 Osgood St. changing exhibits highlight local life from the 17th to the 20th century, library and archive, \$3 adults, \$1 children, \$2 seniors, Johnson Cottage, tours Tuesday-Friday 10 a.m.-noon and 2-4 p.m., \$5 adults for a combined tour of both properties; 686-4035.

**American Textile History Museum,** *Second Impressions: Quilters Celebrate Cochecho Fabrics*, through December, ongoing *Textiles in America* exhibition, special exhibitions and

events, function rooms, catering, museum store and Seasoned Chef Gazebo Cafe; hours are Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday, Sunday, and most holidays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; admission \$5 for adults, \$3 for seniors, students and groups, free for members and children under 6, parking is free, and the building is wheelchair accessible, 491 Dutton St., Lowell; (978) 441-0400 or <www.athm.org>.

**Museum of Printing,** 800 Massachusetts Ave., North Andover, featuring antique printing equipment, \$5 admission, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday, 1-8 p.m., Sat-

urday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, 1-5 p.m.; 686-0450 or <www.museumofprinting.org>.

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**Boott Cotton Mills Museum,** *Closing: The Life and Death of an American Factory: Photographs by Bill Bamberger*, documents the closing of the White Furniture Co. of Mebane, N.C., through Jan. 28, free, Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 400 Foot of John, Lowell.

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**Wenham Museum,** *Fun and Games*, through Feb. 15, an interactive exhibit exploring the types of games designed over the past 200 years; *Train Time 12*, through Jan. 28, features model train layouts, train memorabilia, \$5 adults, \$3 children ages 2 and up, 132 Main St., Wenham; (978) 468-2377.

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# Living

## Advent marks the start for Christ Church's new rector

By Adam Groff

There is a new face before the Episcopal congregation at Andover's Christ Church, where the new rector, Rev. Dennis G. Jarry, began his ministry on Sunday, Dec. 3.

Jarry likes to say that he's had over 30 years of experience serving "two great churches." He says this because before becoming an Episcopal priest, he was a priest in the Roman Catholic Church.

Jarry grew up in Norwich, Conn., where he says he was called to the priesthood at age 14. He attended St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield, where he finished both high school and junior college, and then attended St. Mary's Seminary and University in Baltimore, where he earned a bachelor's in 1964. He was ordained a priest in 1968. He also holds a master's from the University of Notre Dame.

In 1988, Jarry resigned from the priesthood to do other kinds of outreach work. For two years he was the national



Photo by Tim Jean

**The Rev. Dennis G. Jarry is the 13th rector of Christ Church.**

director of the American Liver Foundation in New Jersey, and for another two years he was the state program director of the New Jersey Self-Help Clearinghouse.

In 1992, Jarry was received as an Episcopal priest in Montclair, N.J., and later that year he took up his ministry at Westborough, Mass., which

was his last port of call before Andover. While considering the Christ Church position, he was nominated for a bishopric in Connecticut, but was not ultimately appointed, and so last month, he and his wife Barbara, a marriage and family therapist in Westborough, moved to Andover. His predecessor, Rev. James Diamond, left to become dean of the cathedral in Cincinnati.

"It felt like a good fit," Jarry says of the offer to minister at Christ Church. "This congregation has a real warmth that I've already felt. It has a great tradition too. It was founded in 1837, and I'll be the thirteenth rector."

In particular, Jarry looks forward to working with the church's outreach programs, such as Habitat for Humanity, Bread and Roses, and an initiative called the Greater Lawrence Church Linkage, which will be a coalition of Episcopal churches in Andover, North Andover, Lawrence, and Methuen to address the needs of the disadvantaged in the Greater

Lawrence area. Regarding the church coalition, Jarry says, "It's exciting to me when churches realize they can collaborate, because we're not islands."

Jarry is obviously relishing jumping into the pre-Christmas fray while still unpacking. He's looking forward, among many other things, to caroling this Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m.

with children from Christ Church and whoever else wants to participate. The carolers will meet at the church.

There also will be three Christmas Eve services at Christ Church: a children's service with a Christmas pageant at 4:30 p.m., a communion service with full choir at 7:30, and a quieter "contemplative" service at 10.

## NEWS FOR SENIORS

By Pat Becker

Here are some of the activities planned at the Andover Senior Center:

**Theater Trip:** The center will sponsor a trip to the Merrimack Repertory Theater in Lowell on Thursday, Dec. 28 for the 2 p.m. matinee performance of *Founder of the Feast*. This play is a contemporary and more adult version of *A Christmas Carol*, and we have great 17th row seats. Tickets are \$17 and reservations may be made by stopping into the center.

**Gift Certificates:** Don't forget that a senior center gift certificate makes a great holiday gift. Certificates may be used for any class, activity, trip or special event sponsored by the center during the year and they're available in any denomination.

**Fix-It Shop:** If you need that last-minute item fixed before the end of the year, you will have one more chance on Tuesday, Dec. 19 between 1 and 3:30 p.m. when our volunteers will be happy to take a look at whatever you might have that is in need of some repair.

**Christmas Sale:** The center will sponsor a Christmas sale on Friday, Dec. 15 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. We'll have a wide variety of poinsettias and holiday

plants, gingerbread houses, gift items, and a great selection of bakery items. Please help us by spreading the word and stopping by for a look.

**Holiday Coffee/Open House:** We invite you, your families and friends to join us on Thursday, Dec. 21 from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. for a holiday coffee and open house. We'll be serving up an array of breakfast goodies along with good cheer. Everyone is welcome as we gather to wish each other a Happy Hanukkah and a Merry Christmas. If you'd like to join us, call the center and leave your name so that we may plan appropriately.

**Movie Matinee:** Our next movie matinee will be shown on Monday, Dec. 18 at 1 p.m. when we will show *A Simple Twist of Fate* starring Steve Martin. This is a heartwarming story about a single father and his adopted daughter.

**Winter Session Begins Next Week:** Please stop into the center this week if you would like to register for any of our exercise classes including yoga, line dance, aerobics, men's exercise, tai chi, water workout, and strength training. A new 12-week semester, gets under way next Monday.

**Creative Cooking Holiday Meal:** The center's creative cooking class will hold its annual traditional Christmas meal on Wednesday, Dec. 20 at 11 a.m. Guests are welcome at a cost of \$8 per person. Menu will include pasta, polenta, fish, rustica, pizza, stuffed artichokes, and more. There will also be a gift swap and raffle. Call the center if you want to participate.

## RELIGION NEWS

### West Parish Church presents 24th annual Christmas pageant Sunday, Dec. 17

Andover residents Heather and Joe Gaspar and their daughter Olivia will play the parts of Mary, Joseph and Baby Jesus at the 24th annual outdoor Christmas pageant of

the West Parish Church on Sunday, Dec. 17 at 5 p.m. The West Parish Cemetery Arch becomes the entrance to Bethlehem for this re-enactment with a cast filled with adults, children, and a stable of animals.

This Andover tradition recreates the shepherds and wise men, young and old, littlest angel and drummer boy

all finding their way to Bethlehem to see Mary, Joseph, and Baby Jesus. In addition to the Gaspar family, many families enjoy participating in the pageant together either in performing, constructing the stable, or assisting behind the scenes. Jim Olson is the narrator for the pageant, Karen Olson is assisting the produc-

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◀ **Something for everyone — St. Augustine School's Christmas Treasures Fair** offered traditional gingerbread houses, boxwood trees, theme baskets, live entertainment and a "school spirit" area where students, parents and staff created handmade items including ornaments and albums. The fair was coordinated by parent volunteers Janet Fluet and Mary Ann Rex with help from many others. Proceeds will fund school programs, cultural events and technology. At left, Cathleen Alaimo, guild co-president, and her children, Thomas and Emily, work together on a gingerbread house at the fair.

Churches and temples may submit their Christmas and Hanukkah service times, by Dec. 18, for a free listing in the Dec. 21 issue of the *Townsmen*.  
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# Holiday Gift Guide



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# My favorite Hanukkah memories

By Eric M. Danis

There seems to be a general confusion regarding Hanukkah these days.

"For all of its festivity, Hanukkah is actually a minor holiday on the Jewish calendar. Yet, in modern times - particularly in the United States, where the festivities of the Christmas season are all-pervasive - Hanukkah has taken on a great import and celebration because of its relative time connection to Christmas," says Rabbi Wayne Dosick in his book "Living Judaism."

How much do you know about Hanukkah? Have you been mistakenly viewing it as "the Jewish Christmas"?

A quick retelling of the story of Hanukkah, the only ancient Jewish holiday that is not mentioned in the Bible, shows that Christmas and Hanukkah actually have little in common. While Christmas celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ, Hanukkah

commemorates a small band of Jewish rebels who managed to restore a measure of religious freedom to Jews in the second century B.C.E. (before the Common Era, which is equivalent to B.C.). At the time, the Jews living in the land that is now named Israel had the misfortune to fall under the rule of Antiochus Epiphanes of Syria. Antiochus declared that everyone under his rule would be forced to Hellenize, and Jews were gradually denied political and religious freedom. Some Jews resisted Hellenization, while others assimilated into Greek culture. By the late 160s B.C.E., Antiochus made observance of Judaism a capital offense. The Holy Temple in Jerusalem was desecrated, and a statue of Zeus was placed on the ritual altar. The Syrian army strongly enforced Antiochus' decrees, meeting opposition by Jews with torture and murder.

During this time, in a small village named Modin, lived a

pious man named Mattathias the Hasmonean. Mattathias, a devoted Jew who refused to remain inactive as the Holy Temple of his religion was defiled, organized his five sons and a small army of Jews and led a rebellion against the Syrian army. After a three-year battle and many skirmishes, Mattathias and his followers defeated the Syrians and headed toward Jerusalem to liberate and reclaim their Holy Temple.

The Jewish troops wept when they observed the state of the Temple. Greek idols had been placed inside of the building, and Antiochus had even arranged for pigs (a forbidden meat for Jews) to be sacrificed within the Temple. The ceremonies rededicating the Temple occurred over eight days. According to legend, the sons of Mattathias wished to rekindle the sacred eternal lamp of the Holy Temple, but they were dismayed to discover that there was only enough oil for the light to



Eric Danis, wearing tefillin (ritual prayer objects), touches the Western Wall in Jerusalem in 1997.

shine for one day. However, a miracle took place, and the light actually burned for eight days - the amount of time necessary to purify new oil that could serve the Temple.

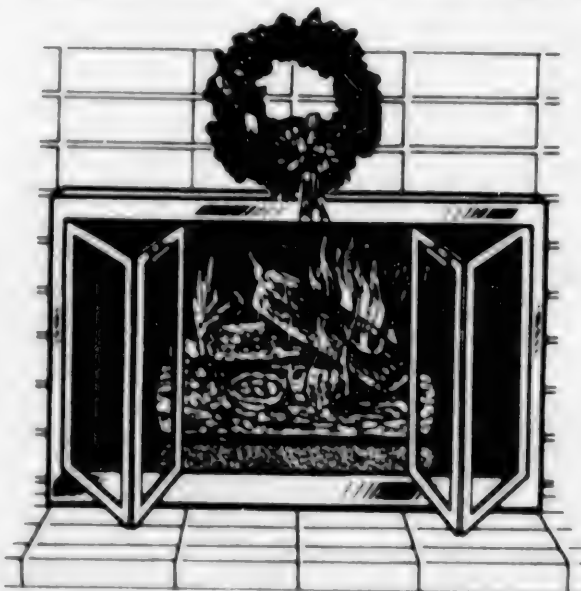
Halfway through my junior year at Brandeis University, I felt as if I was experiencing a personal miracle during Hanukkah. I had decided to go on a trip to Israel during my winter break. The journey was

sponsored and heavily subsidized by the United Jewish Appeal (now the United Jewish Communities), a large organization in the United States aimed at improving the quality of Jewish life worldwide. The reduced rate allowed myself and thousands of other Jewish college students to enjoy the splendors of the holy land.

One of the first things that

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According to LUSTRE editor in chief, Lorraine DePasque, "We asked 1,000-plus fine jewelry designers to list up to 10 U.S. retailers they consider to be doing the best job with designer jewelry."

The magazine urged the designers to take into account criteria such as sales associates, displays, market-

ing programs and other partnering efforts.

"We did not tell them to consider a store's square footage or even how many names a jeweler carries," said Ms. DePasque.

To develop his report, editor Frank Stankus interviewed many of the designers who voted.

"In discussing the rationale behind their decisions, judges most often pointed to the same attributes: commitment, passion, honesty, integrity, high ideals, forward thinking and quality inner circle people," said Mr. Stankus.

The top 25 vote-getters garnered a nearly equal number of votes, and therefore, they're listed alphabetically instead of in rank order.

"We had no idea this survey was being conducted," said Steven Leed of Royal Jewelers.

Steven, his sister Paula

and their mom Sel, run the 52-year-old family business.

"When LUSTRE magazine called to do a story on Royal Jewelers and tell us this great news, we were totally surprised," stated Paula Leed.

Royal Jewelers and the Leed family are not new to the winner's circle. Royal Jewelers was selected "Best of Boston — Best Jewelry Selection" in 1999 and again in 2000. Royal Jewelers is often honored by many of the charities with which they are involved, including the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

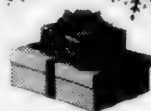
"We feel very fortunate to have received these accolades and to be in a position to give to those in need. These achievements help us strive for higher goals each year," said Steven.

Added Paula, "There is nothing better than loving what you do."



Steven and Paula Leed of Royal Jewelers in Andover were happy to be named to LUSTRE magazine's list of top 25 retailers in the country.

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## HANUKKAH MEMORIES

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struck me about Israel was the almost complete absence of Christmas and its decorations. An entry from my journal on Dec. 24, 1997, reads, "It's Christmas Eve, although you can hardly tell in Israel. There are no Christmas lights or trees. Contrarily, there are menorahs (the candelabra in which Jews light their Hanukkah candles) everywhere."

I, like any American would be, was shocked to be in a place in December that was almost completely devoid of all Christmas decoration. Even more shocking, however, was to think of the long, proud and sometimes tragic history of the Jewish people. During my trip, I was completely cognizant of the fact that I was standing on land that my ancestors had fought for thousands of years ago. Of course, the Jewish people have not been in possession of Israel or Jerusalem continuously since the battles with the Syrians in the second century B.C.E. In fact, the Jews were exiled in 70 C.E. and did not return to Israel until 1948! For centuries, pious Jews had been praying with complete devotion just to be allowed to once see the land so meticulously detailed and praised in their Bible; many had been unable, due to political circumstances, while I was given the opportunity to see the amazing sites of a land so holy to Jews. Could there be a greater miracle on Hanukkah, the holiday of miracles, than to be given the opportunity to see, touch and smell sites so important to one's people?

One of the most amazing experiences I had while in Israel was visiting the Western Wall. Historically, the Western Wall was one of the walls that surrounded the Temple Mount. Both the First Temple and the Second Temple, which was built in 516 B.C.E. because the First Temple

had been destroyed, were built on the Temple Mount. When Rome destroyed the Second Temple in 70 of the Common Era, the Western Wall remained standing.

"For the Jews, this remnant of what was the most sacred building in the Jewish world quickly became the holiest spot in Jewish life. Throughout the centuries, Jews from throughout the world made the difficult pilgrimage to Palestine and immediately headed for the Kotel ha Ma'aravi (Western Wall) to thank God," says Rabbi Joseph Telushkin in his work "Jewish Literacy."

During my trip, I was actually able to visit the wall that had once surrounded the very same Temple that Mattathias, his sons and his small army had fought to reclaim so many years ago. Although I was only a college student without a full awareness of Jewish history, the magnitude and meaning of the Western Wall overwhelmed me; I think that my journal entry from that day, although very personal and slightly embarrassing, best reveals what the trip meant to me.

Dec. 26, 1997: "By far the most breathtaking part of the day, and the trip, was our voyage to the Western Wall in Jerusalem. The Wall itself is huge, and hundreds of Jews were in its vicinity, many of them touching it while praying. I was so overwhelmed that I couldn't stop taking pictures. When I finally got to the Wall, I wrote a prayer for my family, friends and our general society and then jammed it in the cracks of the Wall (it is a tradition for Jews to write out prayers and then put them in the cracks. Hundreds, if not thousands, of such notes are always present). Then I said a long, personal prayer while kneeling at the Wall and touching it. I can't accurately describe how unbelievable it felt, but I'll try. I've never felt closer to God or the Jewish people. As I touched the Wall, I felt as

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During every Hanukkah since my first trip to Israel, I always reflect with pride upon Mattathias and his army - I try to picture them fighting to maintain the very area I once stood in. Their extreme bravery against great odds reminds Jews to continue to struggle for the religious freedom of all peoples. I feel blessed to have been able to visit a site for which my ancestors once fought so valiantly.

Although the trip to Israel was truly amazing, the Hanukkah that followed was also very special for me. During my senior year at Brandeis, I lived in a suite of 10 people, all of whom were Jewish; this was not planned, but it's the sort of thing that can easily happen at a university where 60 percent of the students are Jewish. Throughout the eight days of Hanukkah, each member of my suite would go about his or her daily routine of classes and other activities. After nightfall, all of us would rush home to



A giant menorah in Eilat, Israel, reads "Happy Hanukkah" in Hebrew.

gather in our living room, where we would say the Hanukkah blessings, sing Hanukkah songs and light the menorah.

I remember how good it felt that, no matter what was going on, all of us would take a few moments to gather together as friends and celebrate Hanukkah. Part of the Hanukkah story deals with the danger of assimilation. After all, imagine how much politically and militarily stronger the Jewish people would have been if many of them had not decided to assimilate prior to the battles. I found it meaningful that my nine friends and I were all deciding to attach significance to an enduring Jewish celebration at a time when many others have drifted toward the majority.

Rather than viewing Hanukkah as "the Jewish Christmas," my roommates and I attempted to uncover and retain the Jewishness of the holiday. Whether you will be celebrating Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa or Ramadan, I hope that this year's celebration is your best one yet. Happy holidays!

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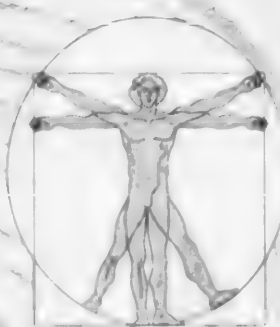
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# Keep your holidays happy, healthy and headache-free

(NAPSA) - As the holidays approach, people across the nation are looking forward to twinkling lights, festive music, sweet treats and an extra dose of family visits. But for many, favorite holiday traditions can also bring on an unwelcome threat of headaches and for some, even a debilitating migraine headache attack.

Most people suffer from the occasional headache, and an estimated 25 million Americans - 75 percent of whom are women - experience much more severe migraine headaches. No matter what the type, however, experts now know that headaches can be triggered by foods, beverages or other lifestyle factors.

According to Donnica Moore, MD, founder of the Sapphire Women's Health Group, each headache sufferer has his or her own combination of personal headache triggers, which can be increasingly difficult to avoid during the holiday season.

"Although the holiday season is undeniably a happy time, it can actually be very painful for headache sufferers," says Dr. Moore. "Not only are many headache triggers more prevalent, but many of these triggers are unfortunately associated with some of the most festive holiday traditions, such as good food, wine and travel."

To avoid turning into a grinch this holiday season, Dr. Moore suggests the following solutions to prevent some of the most common holiday headaches:

**The "last-minute shopping" headache (stress)**

**Solution:** Reduce stress by planning ahead as much as possible by making lists and shopping early before the stores are crowded.

**The "are we there yet?" headache (travel)**

**Solution:** Consider the easiest routes to travel to visit friends or relatives. Avoid noisy and crowded forms of transportation.

**The "decoration overload" migraine (twinkling lights)**

**Solution:** Avoid bright or flashing lights from holiday decorations. Instead hang mistletoe or create beautiful centerpieces for your home with winter fruits and festive foliage.

**The "be everywhere" headache (lack of sleep)**

**Solution:** Prioritize during the busy holiday season. Pick and choose a few fun activities and get plenty of rest.

**The "overactive perfume counter spritzer" headache (smell)**

**Solution:** Rather than using colognes or perfumes, fill your home with lightly scented candles for a fragrant and festive aura.

**The "eggroll hors d'oeuvres" migraine (MSG)**

**Solution:** Instead of snacking on MSG-laden appetizers, fill your plate with alternative goodies from the buffet table.

Besides avoiding personal triggers, there is more good news for headache sufferers, especially for those who suffer from migraines.

"New research shows that many people can help stave off migraines by taking something for their pain as soon as they feel one coming on," says Dr. Moore. "I advise my patients to carry medication with them and keep it in their car or office. For people who require prescription medications, there are several new ones they can learn about from their doctors."

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## Where to look for toys on the Internet this year

(Newstream) - Where should holiday shoppers go when they want to buy toys online? For the second year in a row, eToys.com has been named the No. 1 full-service online toy site by eMarketer, a provider of Internet statistics.

"eToys is quickly solidifying itself as the gold standard of the online toy industry through its efforts in all areas," according to eMarketer editor, Rance Platt. "Finding a specific item on this site is far easier than strolling the aisles of any of the large brick and mortar toy stores located in the U.S. And, with the addition of an East Coast distribution center tucked in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains of Southern Virginia, this holiday season should run even smoother than last year's for eToys.com."

A newly released eHoliday Shopping Report from eMarketer forecasts a robust holiday season with online sales reaching \$12.5 billion, accounting for just over one-third of total 2000 Web sales of \$37 billion. This quarter's online sales are a 71 percent increase over Q4 1999 and at \$12.5 billion will be the highest online sales of any single quarter ever. Toys, games and video games will represent 43 percent of all online holiday purchases.

### The evaluation process

eMarketer considered nearly 80 toy Web sites and used several sources for site addresses. Here are the specific criteria used to evaluate:

**Design:** Does the site make good use of color and images? Is the home page well laid out? In other words, can the user experience as much as possible from the home page, or is the home page just another page for the user to get through?

**Navigation:** Can the user find different parts of the site easily and in different ways

(i.e., is the site over-reliant on the search function to get the user to the different features)? How well does the site move the user through the buying process? Do the pages take too long to upload, giving the user ample opportunity to abandon the shopping cart?

**Customer Service:** Do they provide adequate/live support? Toll-free number? e-mail? Does the site lay out the specifics for delivery (i.e., deadlines for delivery before Dec. 22)? Does it allow the consumer to track an order?

**Features:** Does the site make good use of available technology in assisting the user? Does it provide a wish list option? Does it make allowances for Spanish-speaking users?

**Rounding out the Top Ten list are the following toy sites:**

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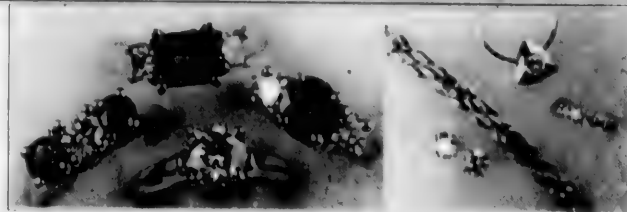
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## Community heroes: Caring and sharing can make a difference



Ruby Lare, a fifth-grade student at the Community Day Charter School in Lawrence, works with his mentor, Jack Flynn of Andover.

By Eric M. Danis





There are 24 hours in a day. How many hours do we use to help others, to make the world a better place? How many moments are wasted on trivial or selfish pursuits? Some

local residents are spending a significant portion of their time working hard to help others.

Al Kountze, a 62-year-old who has lived in Andover for 18 years, is a good example of someone who donates time and energy toward community service. Mr. Kountze, who is cur-

  
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rently in his ninth year of working with the United Way, is an executive account manager for the charitable organization.

"I go into various businesses in the area and basically fund raise," says Mr. Kountze.

Mr. Kountze helps businesses organize internal campaigns to raise money for the various agencies that receive funding from the United Way. He often addresses businesses directly, and he also brings people from the nonprofit agencies to speak with them.

The experience Mr. Kountze has accumulated helps him to mentor younger volunteers.

"Because I've been doing it for so long, I'm probably the senior person in the organization," says Mr. Kountze with a laugh. "My nickname around the office is 'Uncle Al,' because I have the gray hair and (many of the other volunteers) are (only) one year out of school."

Having the opportunity to work with younger people is one part of his volunteer work that Mr. Kountze really relishes.

"The kids are so bright, and they are so hungry to learn. They keep me on my toes," he says.

Mr. Kountze first became involved with the United Way after working for Nynex (formerly New England Telephone) for almost 30 years. During his last year with the company, Mr. Kountze was a "loaned executive," meaning that Nynex paid for him to volunteer with the United Way in Lawrence for four months. The loaned executive program gave Mr. Kountze an in-depth look at the work being done at the United Way.

"I saw directly how much (the people volunteering at the United Way) help. When I saw what good these people were doing, what long hours they were working, I was impressed," he says.

United Way volunteers such as Mr. Kountze are providing local agencies with a valuable service, because without the United Way's assistance, many agencies would have to spend less time helping their local community and more time raising funds. The volunteer effort also saves local agencies money, because they might otherwise be forced to hand over some of the money collected to a professional fund-raiser. The United Way gives a high percentage of the money it collects directly to its agencies, according to Mr. Kountze.

"The United Way is made up primarily of volunteers, so about 88 cents on the dollar goes directly to the agency," says Mr. Kountze.

The United Way's fund-raising efforts go from September to January, and during this time, Mr. Kountze usually volunteers around 25 to 30 hours a week. However, this is not the only volunteer work Mr. Kountze does. He is also a volunteer with the Massachusetts Association of Partners in Education, an organization that helps public schools develop resources. As a board member, Mr. Kountze attempts to "show (schools) how to reach out to businesses, how to reach out to communities," he says.

Whether volunteering for the Massachusetts Association of Partners in Education or for the United Way, Mr. Kountze says that donating time and energy for free can sometimes lend a certain credibility to an organization.

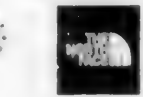
"When I go out to make a presentation, it's a much easier sell than it is for a person who is on the payroll. They say, 'If this guy is willing to spend so much time doing this, maybe there is something to it,'" says Mr. Kountze.

He plans to keep volunteering at the United Way for at least two more years.

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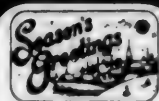
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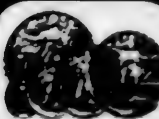
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"The kids are capable, motivated and fun to work with," says Jack Flynn, right, of students such as Ruby Lare.

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"I just don't believe in retirement," he says. "I look at this as another career."

Even if people initially volunteer for the wrong reasons, they might end up doing it for the right reasons, according to Mr. Kountze.

"A lot of people come in selfishly, just wanting to stay busy. Once they come in, they become more and more involved," he says.

Theresa Manganelli, a 44-year-old who has lived in Wilmington for 14 years, seems to be

volunteering for the right reasons.

"You just volunteer because it is something you can do," she says.

Ms. Manganelli's volunteer service is done with the Wilmington Community Fund. The fund is an all-volunteer organization that has been in existence for well over 50 years. According to Ms. Manganelli, the original mission of the fund was "to help people in Wilmington in times of crisis."

The opening of a new food pantry in Wilmington nine years ago is what first made Ms. Manganelli become involved with the Wil-

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ington Community Fund.

"It just blew me away that there were people in Wilmington who needed food," she says.

Further investigation soon proved to Ms. Manganelli that the community fund was involved in a worthwhile endeavor.

"The way the food pantry was run was so impressive. It was so upbeat, full of laughing and joking - everyone usually left with a smile on their face ... I thought that was quite an achievement, since they had come in feeling pretty low," says Ms. Manganelli.

Ms. Manganelli is now treasurer of the community fund and chairperson of the relief committee. The relief committee operates within the community fund that allocates money for people who "just don't know where to turn," says Ms. Manganelli. The holiday season is one of the busiest seasons for members of the community fund.

"This is our busiest time right now, when people need oil to heat their homes and they are trying to do Christmas shopping," says Ms. Manganelli.

Although she also works part time and is the mother of three, Ms. Manganelli notes that, during the holiday season, she often volunteers 40 hours of her time per week. During the rest of the year, she volunteers five or six hours a week.

The fund also runs an "adopt-a-family" program for the holiday season to ensure that lower income families make it through the holiday season without enduring major hardships. Ms. Manganelli says that a great deal of paperwork must be filled out to maintain the program and that a lot of work is necessary to protect the privacy of the recipients.

One of the reasons Ms. Manganelli volunteers is because of how lucky she feels to be part of a loving family.

"(Community service) makes me feel like I can look around at my husband and my kids and think, 'It's OK, I'm paying for it in other areas.' I think I'm 'paying it forward,'" says Ms. Manganelli with a laugh.

Ms. Manganelli also enjoys volunteering because of the camaraderie and friendship among the 14 members of the board of the Wilmington Community Fund.

"It's just a real happy, goofy group. We all work together and we all do our share," she says.

As for her own contribution, Ms. Manganelli remains quite humble.

"I wouldn't take any credit for having made any huge difference - I just do what

needs to be done in our little corner of the world," Ms. Manganelli says. "If I didn't have the strength of the community fund behind me, I could never have done what I've done."

Jack Flynn, a 63-year-old who has resided in Andover for the last 30 years, is also doing what he can to improve his little corner of the world. For the last two years, Mr. Flynn has volunteered for the Gillette Retiree Outreach Program. GROUP, as it is known, is an organization of Gillette company retirees who volunteer their time and talents to a wide range of activities. The organization is sponsored and funded by The Gillette Company.

Mr. Flynn is part of the leadership team for GROUP, and his main responsibility is helping to run programs at the Community Day Charter School in Lawrence. Three Gillette retirees volunteer at the charter school.

"I am the contact person for the Gillette people, as well as being a volunteer myself," says Mr. Flynn.

Mr. Flynn also calls new Gillette retirees to see if they are interested in volunteering at the charter school. One program that Mr. Flynn and the other GROUP volunteers are involved in is a mentoring program at the school. Some of the students need the extra guidance that an experienced mentor can provide.

"They may be very good students but perhaps they can't get help from home," says Mr.

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Flynn. "The kids have the potential they just need a little help."

The teachers at the Community Day Charter School submit names of students they think would benefit from the mentoring program. Thirty-seven students participated in the program last year, according to Mr. Flynn. Lately Mr. Flynn says that he has been helping the fifth-grade student he is mentoring with a social studies project.

Mr. Flynn is also a part of a different program at the Community Day Charter School that helps graduating eighth graders improve their Secondary School Admission Test scores. According to Mr. Flynn, the SSAT is a test that partially determines which private high school students will have the opportunity to attend. Root words, analogies and vocabulary are all covered during the

after-school SSAT study session that Mr. Flynn leads. The students who attend the class are doing so on a voluntary basis since they have already been through the long school day.

"I want them to think about the 'why,' how you get to the answer. They're teaching themselves in that regard," says Mr. Flynn.

This is the second year that the GROUP volunteers have worked at the charter school, and the relationship seems to be positive for both sides.

"It's a great relationship, very rewarding, I would say. The kids are capable, motivated and fun to work with," Mr. Flynn says.

Although Mr. Flynn is reticent about his achievements, he does say that he thinks that GROUP has made a difference at the charter school.

"I think the kids progress more rapidly as a result of the mentoring we offer to them. In the case of the SSAT, virtually

every kid... had their choice of high schools," he says.

Volunteering at the charter school is not all that Mr. Flynn does. He also is a member of the family counsel at a social work organization in Lawrence called Fidelity.

"(Fidelity) basically provides funds from the Department of Mental Retardation to families who need them in Greater Lawrence. The family counsel participates in the allocation of these funds. We try to help Fidelity match the funds to the requests," states Mr. Flynn.

The funds for the program are allocated to families who are caring for their developmentally delayed children at home, says Mr. Flynn.

"It's vastly cheaper for the state if the kid stays home, and it is frankly better for the kid," Mr. Flynn says.

Mr. Flynn first became involved with the family counsel in 1985, after being told by a caseworker for the Department

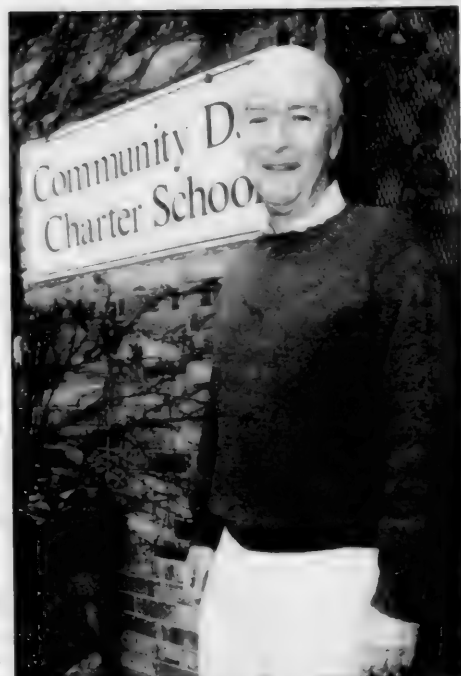
of Mental Retardation that family counsel members were needed. The program was appealing to Mr. Flynn because his third son, Bill, is a special needs student.

"You can kind of get into it because you find yourself a part of it," says Mr. Flynn.

Why has Mr. Flynn, who retired as research and development director at Gillette in 1991, become so involved in serving the community?

"I did it primarily because I think volunteerism is an important part of life in the United States. I think that this is a country where volunteerism is strong," says Mr. Flynn. "On a personal basis, it adds a nice balance to my life. You get to meet a lot of really great people,

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Jack Flynn volunteers at the Community Day Charter School in Lawrence once a week.

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Before joining ICSC, Dr. Konarski was the chairman of the retailing department at Florida International University and vice president of Elliot Gant and Company, a retail consulting firm. At ICSC, Dr. Konarski is responsible for the overall selection, design, implementation and dissemination of all research projects undertaken by the ICSC. These projects are considered to be at the forefront of the recognized research in the field.

## Fun holiday facts

- This year, most malls began decorating for the holidays on Nov. 1.
- The percentage of malls that decorate for holidays other than Christmas is 9 percent.
- The holiday song played most frequently last year was "Jingle Bells."
- The second most frequently played song was "White Christmas."
- The average number, per mall, of full-time seasonal employees hired by management in 1999 was one.
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- The percentage of malls that will advertise for the 2000 holiday season on the Internet is 47 percent.
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## Santa Claus at the mall

- The average number of full-time Santas employed per mall in 1999 was one.
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- Santa Claus arrived at most malls on Nov. 18.
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- The most common method of arrival was a parade (other methods include on a fire engine, by horse-drawn sleigh or during a children's breakfast).
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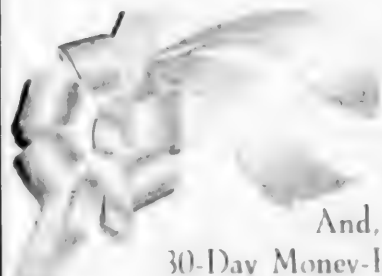
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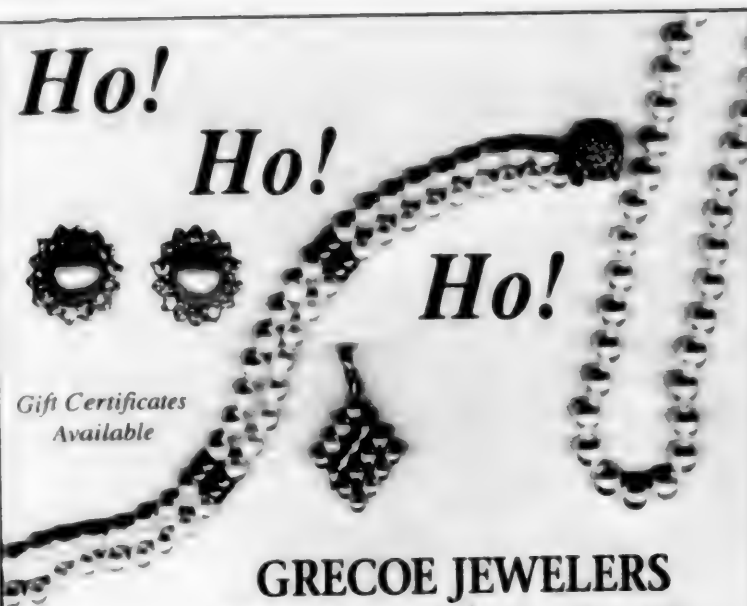
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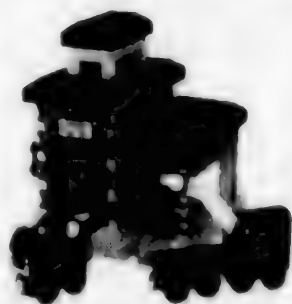


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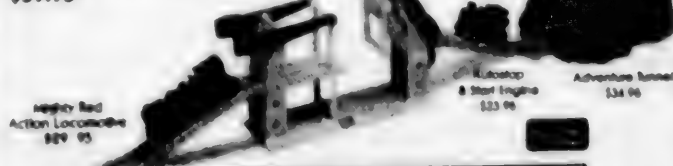
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By Jane Greig  
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(AP) - This edition of the Greig Files is designed to guide you through today and all of the holiday land mines ahead. Whether you celebrate Kwanzaa, Christmas, Hanukkah or Boxing Day, family gatherings can be less than loving and more than mayhem. Want a little help?

Who among us has not cheered for the spineless Clark Griswold in "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" when he asked visiting hapless cousin Eddie: "Can I refill your eggnog for you? Get you something to eat? Drive you out to the middle of nowhere and leave you for dead?"

Like you, I love my family, warts and all, but do I really want all those people in my house ... and at the same time? If I feed them, will they go away? (Hey, it worked on Halloween.) If I expose them to sunlight or get them wet, will they multiply or die? (Ever see "Gremlins"?)

Long ago, I announced that the Greigs would be chez Greig (as in our little abode) every Thanksgiving and every Christmas Day. With rare exceptions, I have stuck to it. Granted, a few huffs ensued in some corners, but all in all, it works. Anyone who wants to come to our house is welcome. I liberally stack the deck with an assortment of friends and neighbors. But sometimes, it is not easy.

Want some tips on how to avoid losing it today? Hoping for a license to go skiing next year instead of mincing and pureeing? Crave a holiday away from the family but do not know how to make it happen? Wonder how many folks are sleeping on sofas all across America?

Then put down that turkey baster and stop chopping those giblets. This edition of the Greig Files could save your day.

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day meals are usually served with a side of issues – aging to alcoholism, fat to fertility, child rearing to childishness. There is more at the table than food (which took three days to cook and disappears in three minutes).

Unfortunately, like the full moon, holidays bring out the strangest behavior. Thanksgiving is the hardest holiday of all, notes psychologist Sherry Payne, who has been counseling families for 25 years.

"We want to believe in the tradition of an ideal close family occasion," Ms. Payne notes.

And, it is just not so. Plus, putting people together in a space not big enough to hold them all intensifies the stress.

Need to change your attitude? Changing location will likely do it, counsels Ms. Payne. Take a walk or go to the next room or go to a movie. Getting out of Dodge has its advantages.

#### Who am I today?

That is the question to ask every holiday morning. When beset by a houseful of guests, one woman can be a wife, a mother, a sister, a

daughter, a cousin, a granddaughter, a best friend, a daughter-in-law and a sister-in-law simultaneously.

(OK, OK, men can have these multiple roles, too, but give me this one.)

Licensed psychologist Jan Ford Mustin advises taking a moment to focus on who you are at this gathering. Decisions about behavior and loyalty flow easily from that focus, she adds. Sure, you may be having the in-laws over, but first and foremost, this is your house and ergo, your rules. Related to smokers? Let them know ahead of time smoking is only permitted outside. Detest animals? Alert traveling Aunt Lisa that her yapper of a dog is welcome at the neighborhood kennel. Working with your youngest on not sucking his thumb? Share the challenge with the family so you don't feel like the principal at a pep rally every time you correct him.

#### Is Norman Rockwell coming to dinner?

Nope, and neither is Dr. Ruth, Joyce Brothers or Billy Graham.

Remember, expectations for a perfect feast, flawless fellowship and warm cama-

raderie have a snowball's chance of happening. So let them go, counsels Ms. Mustin. Taking a proactive approach to the holidays can eliminate unnecessary people-pleasing and stress. Announce at the beginning of the day or in a letter beforehand that it is fine with you if Uncle Festus watches football. Cousin Antonio is glued to an opera CD and Grandmother Dorothy knits on the porch. Take the tact that this is a true holiday for you and your guests. By accepting others and their foibles, you release the normally springloaded family tension.

#### Why is everyone so cranky?

Could be the rich food or the change in routine or the company. Ever occur to you that your family and friends may be uncomfortable – intimidated even – by the assembly? The perfectionism trap is not just set for a hostess. Some seemingly big egos actually mask personal inferiority. But, does the source of the

bad behavior matter? Not a whit.

Behaving badly is one way to release the anxiety and over- (circle one: drinking, eating, talking) is another. How people deal with holidays is a microcosm of how they deal with the expectations of others, agree analysts.

#### What can I do for myself?

Less, for starters. Take a few things off the must-do list and enjoy the festivities for a change. Order the turkey from a caterer. Or, ask a guest to bring the turkey. Heck, just get a bucket of wings if it

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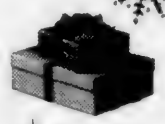
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makes life easier. Make the serving time a big window (i.e., sometime between 3 and 4 p.m.).

Stick to whatever works for you to reduce stress. Make time for yourself. Read a good escape novel, do a crossword puzzle, exercise, take a hot bath. Scheduling time for yourself is easy once you get the hang of it. Practice saying, "I have another commitment."

Use a "trouble dumpster," advises Ms. Payne. Mentally deposit your issues and cares in it before the day begins. And, do not pick them up later on.

Bonus: Taking time for yourself is a good example for your children. You may be saving them from a lifetime of holiday imperatives.

What can I do for my family?

The biggest gift you can give your friends and family

is the you they know and love. By pampering yourself, you increase the odds you will be yourself during the day.

Program the day to allow for mistakes and mishaps. Who waxes about the perfect pumpkin pie when the story about the dog eating the turkey is more entertaining and memorable? Keep a sense of humor, recommends Ms. Payne.

Inviting extra folks - roommates, neighbors, new beaux - to the family gathering puts a little distance between feuding cousins and anxious aunts. My family always behaves better when there are strangers around. Remember that new family on the block has not heard all of Uncle Bob's stories and jokes ... yet.

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And, always have a plan B - an extra chicken in the outside refrigerator, a new game or video for restless kids, an errand for the ever-helpful great-aunt who just wants to do something.

**Still feel like aliens landed in your home?**

Time for a change.

Use the frustrations of this year's gathering to catapult yourself into a new plan. It may be too late for this year, but not for next. Plan to do things differently, very differently. You may find that the anonymity a distant venue offers will be a true holiday.

Take a holiday from holiday expectations. Plan a family trip or vow to stay home rather than race around the city or state, then act on it. Let the family know in advance, but refrain from announcing the Vegas jaunt as you slam the door this year.

Above all, resist the need to explain. Share your plans and let the dust settle.

**Could this low feeling be more than just tinsel trepidation?**

You mean that holiday horror and sense of sadness? Seasonal depression has a name and, good news, a cure. So maybe it is not the

onslaught of in-laws or the pressure to perform perfectly that is getting you down.

Seasonal Affective Disorder is diagnosed after two consecutive winters in which a patient experiences depression and holiday dread interlaced with non-depressed periods in the spring and summer. Absent life-changing events (death, divorce, illness) as an explanation for mood and behavior changes, SAD may be the problem.

The Mayo Clinic Health Oasis reports that an estimated 10 million to 25 million Americans experience SAD, a depression that occurs in seasons with less sunlight. Women are more likely to be affected than men. SAD occurs in all corners, from northern countries to India.

Lifestyle changes such as increased light in the home, outdoor exercise, winter vacations in sunny locations and stress management are common treatments. Seek professional help if you experience seasonal mood changes.

**Let's give 'em something to talk about.**

Sometimes, gathering around a holiday hearth means having those chats you would just as soon duck. Plan to carpe the diem, as it were, and take advantage of being face-to-face with a friend or relative with whom your accounts are less than settled. If you must, do what you may have been avoiding all year: Talk it out.

The advice of affable guy and local psychiatric physician William Race is to prepare for these difficult moments carefully. Pick a time when the object of your holiday heartburn is able to discuss the situation privately.

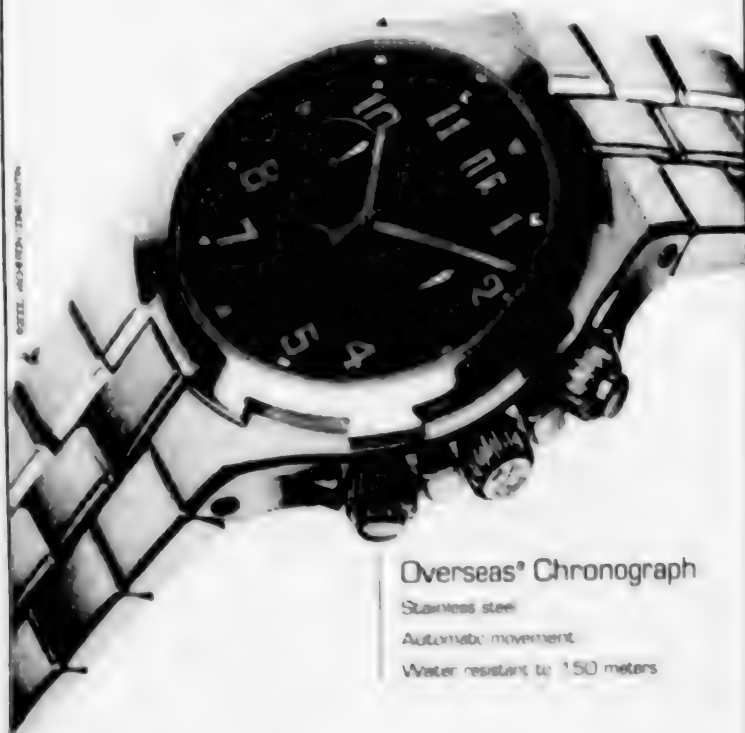
In general, Mr. Race says to avoid using sentences that begin with "You," and realize that your anger is an indication you need distance from the situation and sometimes, the person.

And yes, even if conversation fails, you get points for trying - in this life and the next.



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# WEDDINGS

## Healy-Asoian

Jennifer Anne Asoian and Matthew David Healy were married on June 17 at Trinity Church in Boston. A reception followed at the Four Seasons Hotel in Boston.

The bride is the daughter of Richard and Margaret Asoian of Andover.

She is a 1992 graduate of Andover High School and she graduated from Vanderbilt University. She is a vice-president at Corby North Bridge Securities.

The groom is the son of the Paul and Joanne Healy of Portsmouth, N.H.

He is a 1990 graduate of Reading High School and also a graduate of Providence College. He is a channel development manager at NaviSite Inc. and is currently pursuing a master's degree in business.

The couple honeymooned in Hawaii and make their home in Andover.



Matthew and Jennifer Healy

## Pinkowski-Hasebe

Junko Hasebe and Steven Mitchell Pinkowski were married July 8 at the Knowlton House, Sunapee Harbor, N.H., with the Rev. Brad Davis, chaplain of the Pomfret School, officiating.

The ceremony was a reaffirmation of the couple's wedding held in Kofu, Yamanashi, Japan, on March 12, and was attended by family and friends from the United States.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Katsuya Hasebe of Kofu, Yamanashi, Japan. She is a graduate of White Cliffe College, Auckland, New Zealand. She is a design artist.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Pinkowski of Andover and Sunapee, N.H. He is a graduate of Deerfield Academy, Emory University, and St. John's College. He is an English teacher at the Pomfret School in Pomfret, Conn.

The couple make their home in Pomfret, Conn.



Junko Hasebe and Steven Pinkowski

## Bergschneider-Allard

Catherine Anne Allard and Daniel James Bergschneider were married on June 2 at St. Joseph's Church in Andover with the Rev. George Morgan officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Allard of Andover.

She is a graduate of Andover High School and Providence College.

She is an optometrist.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Bergschneider of Bayside, Wis.

He is a graduate of Nicolet High School and the University of Wisconsin.

He is a software developer.

Mr. and Mrs. Bergschneider make their home in Lowell.



Catherine and Daniel Bergschneider

## Kirk-Demoulas

Jessica Jane Demoulas and Andrew Christopher Kirk were married at an outdoor ceremony officiated by the Rev. R. Hindelang and Chaplain J. Marchant on May 13, at The Commons in Topsfield.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas J. Demoulas of Andover. The matron of honor was Christine Marsh of Fairfield, Conn., sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Christine Powers of Andover, Louise Trombly of Londonderry, N.H., Carla Thiboutot of Fall River, and Melissa Whittemore of Keene, N.H.

The groom is the son of Mrs. Anne Whelton of Wilmington. The best man was William Atchinson of Andover. Groomsman were Daniel Burn of Lawrence, Enrique Gutierrez of Virginia, Brian Kirk of Rutland, Vt., brother of the groom, Stephen Kirk of Sanford, Maine, brother of the groom, and Kyle Worthley of Newton.

The bride, a graduate of Becker College, is employed as a nanny. The groom, a graduate of New England Community College, has served in the US Army and is employed by UPS.



Andrew and Jessica Kirk

The couple honeymooned in Italy and make their home in Haverhill.

## Lawrence-Larsen

Ann L. Larsen and Don S. Lawrence III were married Aug. 19 at South Church, Andover, with the Rev. Calvin Mutti officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Dr. Larry and Nancy Larsen of Andover. She is a graduate of Andover High School and Baylor University in Waco, Texas.

She is vice president of National Convergence Alliance.

The groom, son of Patricia Lawrence of Littleton and the late Donald S. Lawrence Jr., is a graduate of Littleton High School and UMass Lowell.

He is president of National Convergence Alliance.

The couple make their home in Westford and plan to honeymoon next spring.



Ann and Don S. Lawrence III

## Harris-McLane

Alison McLane and Duncan Stuart Harris were married July 15 at Chocorua Island, Squam Lake, N.H. with the Rev. F. Goldwaite Sherrill officiating.

A reception followed at the Red Hill Inn in Centre Harbor, N.H.

The bride is the daughter of Louise Wiley of Yardley, Pa., and William McLane of Bow, N.H.

Jessica Petit McLane, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, while Abigail Chapin Harris, sister of the groom, was the bridesmaid.

Austin Chadwick Stern II was the best man.

The bride is a graduate of Phillips Academy, Princeton University, and is currently a third-year student at the Tufts Veterinary School of Medicine.

Her husband is the son of Gail Stuart Sunderland and George Harris, both of Andover.

He is a graduate of Phillips Academy and the University of Vermont. He is employed by Berkley Investments, Boston.



Alison and Duncan Harris

The couple plan a honeymoon trip this spring to Spain, Italy, and France. They live in Worcester.

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# OBITUARIES

## Elizabeth R. Clark Taught in Mrs. Pike's School in Shawsheen neighborhood

Elizabeth R. (Orr) Clark, 85, of Andover, died Thursday, Dec. 7 at Academy Manor Nursing Home.

Mrs. Clark was a teacher in the original Mrs. Pike's School in Andover's Shawsheen section and the Methuen public school system. Before teaching, she worked in the office of the Arlington Mills. Born in Methuen, she graduated from Searles High School, and in 1936 from Lowell Teachers College.

She was a member of the Rainbow Club in her youth, and then, for the last 65 years, was in the Majority Club.

She was the widow of Wilbur T. Clark. Members of her family include five sons, W. Thomas and his wife Julie Clark of Georgetown, Texas, Lincoln and his wife Roberta Clark of Bradford, Daniel and his wife Jo Ann Clark of Derry, N.H., Wayne Clark of Andover, with whom she lived and who was her caregiver for the last 10 years, and Duncan and his wife Caroline Clark of Keller, Texas; two daughters and sons-in-law, Edith and David Harris of Milford, N.H., and Louisa and Barry Burbank of North Andover; 12 grandchildren; one great-grandson; and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were by Dewhurst & Conte Funeral Home, 17 Third St., North Andover.

Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

## Richard L. Dubois Retired Raytheon manager

Richard L. Dubois, 62, of Andover died Thursday, Dec. 7 at Holy Family Hospital in Methuen.

Mr. Dubois retired as a section manager from Raytheon Co. in Waltham, where he worked for 40 years.

Born and educated in Lawrence, he graduated from Central Catholic High School. He also graduated from Lowell Tech.

Mr. Dubois served in the Coast Guard. He coached for the Little League and Youth Basketball League, both in Andover.

He was a member of the Raytheon Management Club.

Members of his family include his wife of 44 years, Cornelia (Foley) Dubois; four daughters and sons-in-law, Maureen and John Remillard of Chester, N.Y., Carole and Kevin Winning of Methuen, Judith and Robert Armstrong of Danville, N.H., and Laura and Kevin Fillion of Methuen; two sons, Richard L. Dubois Jr. of North Andover and Barry Dubois of Andover; a sister, Rachel Carroll of Methuen; 13 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were by John Breen Memorial Funeral Home, 122 Amesbury St., Lawrence.

Memorial contributions may be made to New England Medical Center Bone Marrow Transplant Unit, 750 Washington St., Boston, MA 02111, or Oncology Unit at Lawrence General Hospital, 1 General St., Lawrence, MA 01841.

## Alan R. Petty Ballardvale native was production coordinator at New England Nuclear

Alan R. Petty, 71, of Atkinson, N.H., died Thursday, Dec. 7 at home.

Mr. Petty was production coordinator at New England Nuclear Co./Dupont before retiring in 1978. Before that, he taught high school chemistry for several years in Dade County, Florida.

He was born in the Ballardvale section of Andover and graduated from Pynchard High School in 1947. He received a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Merrimack College in 1958.

Mr. Petty served in the Air Force for four years during the Korean War in the Air Weather Service.

Members of his family include two sons and daughters-in-law, David A. and Mary Lu Petty of Hampstead, N.H. and J. Scott and Claire Petty of New Orleans, La.; a daughter, Jean Petty of Scituate; a brother, John R. Petty of Andover; six grandchildren; two nephews; a niece; four grandnieces and grandnephews; and former wife Dolores (Walters) Petty of Hanover.

Arrangements were by Dewhurst & Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover.

Memorial contributions may be made to Merrimack Valley Hospice, Merrimack Street, Lawrence, MA 01842; or South Church, Central Street, Andover, 01810.

## James A. Rourke Former chief of radiology at Lowell General Hospital

Dr. James A. Rourke, 73, of Andover, died Wednesday, Dec. 6 at Holy Family Hospital.

Dr. Rourke was the former chief of radiology at Lowell General Hospital for more than 20 years and was a staff radiologist at Massachusetts General Hospital. Later, he was a radiologist for Salem, N.H. Radiology.

Born and raised in Fitchburg, he graduated from Notre Dame University and Tufts University Medical School During the Korean War, he served in the Army Medical Corps as a captain.

Dr. Rourke completed an internship and assistant residency at Worcester City Hospital and a residency at University Hospitals at Ohio State University.

He was a member of American Medical Association, American Board of Radiology and Massachusetts Medical Society.

Members of his family include his wife of 47 years, Virginia K. (Kenny) Rourke;

## Deaths Elsewhere

**DIPAOLA** - Phil John DiPaola, 83, of Lawrence, died Saturday, Dec. 9 at Holy Family Hospital in Methuen.

Mr. DiPaola worked at Raytheon Corp., retiring in 1982.

**DONALD** - Jeanne M. (Drumney) Donald, 59, of North Andover, died Thursday, Dec. 7 at the Lahey Clinic in Burlington.

Members of her family include her brother, William Drumney of Andover.

**FREEMAN** - Anita L. (Frechette) Freeman, 60, of Salem, N.H. died Monday, Dec. 11 as a result of injuries suffered in a car accident.

She was a receptionist at Hewlett Packard Co. in Andover for several years.

**GILL** - Thomas P. Gill, 72, of North Andover, died Wednesday, Dec. 6 at Atlantic Care Medical Center in Lynn.

Members of his family include his son, William F. Gill of Andover.

**GUINEY** - Constance Agnes Guiney, of Hampton, N.H. and formerly of Methuen, died Sunday, Dec. 10 at Exeter Hospital.

Mrs. Guiney worked for more than 20 years at the Internal Revenue Service, retiring in 1998. Members of her family include her son, William O. Nartiff II of Andover.

**HAYNES** - Shirley (Trepanier) Haynes, 55, of Lawrence, died Monday, Dec. 11 at Holy Family Hospital.

Mrs. Haynes was a machine operator for 19 years at Germanium Power Devices at Brickstone Square, Andover, until she retired.

**MCMANARA** - James F. McManara Jr., 79, of Dracut, died Tuesday, Dec. 12 at home.

Members of his family include his daughter and son-in-law, Karen and George Sullivan of Andover.

**TUSO** - Anne M. (Kane) Tusso, 84, formerly of Methuen, died Thursday, Dec. 7 at Prescott House Nursing Home in North Andover.

Mrs. Tusso worked at the Internal Revenue Service in Andover for 12 years.

three sons, James F. Rourke of Lexington, Thomas A. Rourke of Sudbury, and Bryan J. Rourke of Providence, R.I.; a daughter, Carol R. Nohelty of Andover; a brother, the Rev. John C. Rourke of Sarasota, Fla.; five grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were by Pollard Funeral Home, 233 Lawrence St., Methuen.

## Sally J. Zipkin Former member of Andover Seniors

Sally J. (Klein) Zipkin, 86, formerly of Andover, died Monday, Dec. 11 at Palm Manor Nursing Home in Chelmsford.

Mrs. Zipkin was born in Providence, R.I. and had lived in Worcester and Shrewsbury for 35 years. She moved to Andover 11 years ago.

She was a member of the Andover Seniors for several years.

She was the widow of Samuel Zipkin.

Members of her family include her daughter, Cindy DeMont and her husband, Paul; and two grandsons, Brad and Corey DeMont, all of Andover.

Arrangements were by Perlman Funeral Home, 1026 Main St., Worcester.

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## OBITUARIES

### Sally J. Zipkin

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Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Disease Foundation.

### Malcolm A. MacDougall

**Memorial service will be Saturday at South Church**

Malcolm A. MacDougall, 83, of Topsfield, died Thursday, Dec. 7 at Beverly Hospital.

He was a graduate of Quincy High School and Bentley College. He worked at General Electric Co. for 40 years. During his time at GE, he worked at the jet engine division in Lynn and was the operating manager for the major appliance divisions headquartered in Detroit, Mich. for 17 years. His employment was interrupted by two years of active duty with the Sea Bees Division of the U.S. Navy during World War II. He served in the Pacific Theater, mostly in New Guinea, and was honorably discharged from the Navy on Dec. 7, 1945.

During his retirement, Mr. MacDougall served as a director of the Red Cross on Cape Cod and as a trustee of the Osterville Free Library.

Members of his family include his wife of 60 years, Mildred (Elliott) MacDougall; two sons, Robert E. MacDougall and his wife, Diane of Andover and James M. MacDougall and his wife, Lisa of Ipswich; a brother, Howard MacDougall of Quincy; a sister, Jean Chinzi of Braintree; and five grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Dec. 16 at 3 p.m. in South Church, 41 Central St.

Arrangements are by the Whittier-Porter Funeral Home, 6 High St., Ipswich.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Osterville Free Library, Osterville, MA 02655.

### Richard W. Abbott

**Retired airline machinist**

Richard Warren "Bud" Abbott, 81, of Manchester, Ga., formerly of Andover, died Monday, Dec. 11 at Georgia Baptist Meriwether Hospital in Warm Springs, Ga.

Mr. Abbott was born in Andover and was a 1937 graduate of Punchard High School. He was a World War II Army Air Corp veteran, serving as a staff sergeant, engineer, and gunner in the 489th Bomb Squadron, 57th Bomb Wing in Italy. He was awarded a Good Conduct Medal, an Oak Leaf Cluster, and three Bronze Campaign Stars.

He was a retired airline machinist, having been employed by Northeast and Delta Airlines. In his younger years, he was an avid skier, and later enjoyed gardening, landscaping, and crossword puzzles.

He was the widower of Nancy Jones Abbott. Members of his family include a daughter, Cally Chantos of Eustis, Fla.; two sons, Richard Abbott of Lanett, Ala., and David Abbott of Sandown, N.H.; a sister, Dorothy Patterson of Andover; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were by Cox Funeral Home, 127 Second St., Manchester, Ga.

Memorial contributions may be made to Columbus Hospice, 7020 Moon Road, Columbus, GA 31909.

### Morton Levinger

**Co-owner of Royal Jewelers**

Morton Levinger, 78, of Castle Heights Road, died Monday, Dec. 11 at Woodbriar of Wilmington.

He was born and educated in New York City. During World War II, he served in the Army.

Mr. Levinger moved to Massachusetts in the early 1940s and was the co-owner of Royal Jewelers.

Members of his family include his wife of 50 years, Loretta M. (Lebowitz) Levinger; a son, Michael K. Levinger of Haverhill; a daughter, Inajana Bromberg of North Andover; two grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements are by H.L. Farmer & Sons Funeral Homes

of Haverhill. Services will be held at the family's convenience.

Memorial contributions may be made to Joslin Diabetes Center, care of Development Office, 1 Joslin Place, Boston, MA 02215.

### Wilhelmina V. Thomson

**Lifelong resident**

Wilhelmina V. "Minnie" (Vannett) Thomson, 93, died Monday, Dec. 11 at Holy Family Hospital.

Mrs. Thomson worked for several years at Tyer Rubber Co. of Andover before retiring.

She was born and educated in Andover and lived in town all of her life.

She was a member of Christ Church. She was past grand president of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Order of Scottish Clans of the United States and Canada.

She was the widow of John Thomson. Members of her family include a son, John D. Thomson of Andover; three grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Calling hours are today, Thursday, Dec. 14 from 5 to 8 p.m. at Charles F. Dewhurst, Edgerley & Bessom Funeral Home, 33 Pearson St.

Funeral services are tomorrow, Friday, Dec. 15 at 10 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will follow in Spring Grove Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the donor's choice.

## RELIGION NEWS

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tion, and daughters Michaela and Joanna are enjoying the opportunity to be Angels. Tim Turbett will again be revising his role as the Innkeeper. The shepherds include Evan Doucet, Jason Eliason, Erik Geffken, Kurt Geffken, Gregory Howard, Marianna Jordan and Taggart Muggia. Samantha Vano will play the littlest Angel.

The public is invited to attend the pageant and festivities immediately afterwards in Fellowship Hall. The pageant itself lasts approximately 30 minutes. Refreshments will be served.

West Parish Church is located at 129 Reservation Road at the intersection of Route 133 (Lowell Street) and Shawsheen Road, approximately two miles east of Route I-93.

For further details call the Church between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

### Old-fashioned family Christmas concert

Ballardvale United Church will present an old-fashioned family Christmas concert on Sunday, Dec. 17 at 4 p.m. Music will be performed by senior and youth choirs as well as solos and quartets. The program will conclude with a sing-a-long followed by refreshments in Fellowship Hall. Ballardvale United Church is reconciling, open and affirming church, fully accessible, located at 23 Clark Road. Call 475-2506 for more information.

### Hanukkah Wonderland

The community is invited to a Hanukkah Wonderland, Wednesday, Dec. 27 and Thursday, Dec. 28 from noon to 4 p.m. at Old Town Hall, 20 Main St.

Admission is \$5 and tickets are available at Strawberry Tree and Sweet Mimi's. Call 475-1853.

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# Business

## Business briefs...

### Andover writer speaks at Colonial Williamsburg

Andover florist, herbal designer and writer, Betsy Williams, was the featured speaker and presenter at "A Williamsburg Christmas," a three-day seminar at historic Colonial Williamsburg, Va.

Williams' theme, "Welcome Yule," focused on celebrating Christmas as a season, not just one day. She introduced stories and customs as well as plants and foods associated with St. Nicolas Day, St. Lucy's Day and Twelfth Night, all part of traditional Yuletide celebrations.



Betsy Williams

Williams is author of *Potpourri and Fragrant Crafts*, published by Readers Digest, and the booklets, *Planning Your Herbal Wedding* and *Are There Fairies At the Bottom Of Your Garden?* She has written for *Herb Companion*, *Good Housekeeping Do-It-Yourself* magazines and been featured in *Victoria*, *Colonial Homes*, *Better Homes and Gardens*.

### Claire Walthall named VP

Dental Management Decisions, a practice-management consulting company, has named Andover resident Claire Walthall its vice-president of staff development and training.

Walthall, as a dental office manager, has developed and implemented strategies in running a successful practice, according to the company. She has extensive experience in the medical field, collections and coordination of team conferences, to ensure proper billing to insurance companies.



Claire Walthall

### Promotions at First Essex

The Board of Directors of First Essex Bank recently promoted several employees who work in their Andover office. Pauline Renaud is now vice president of deposit operations. Since joining the bank in March of 1999, Renaud has managed the deposit operations division of the bank. Prior to joining First Essex she held the position of as-



Pauline Renaud

## PictureTel takes kids to polar caps

By Rebecca Piro

First-grade students at Sargent School in North Andover started their research on Antarctica by hand-writing letters to scientists at the South Pole. They eventually upgraded to e-mails, and on Tuesday, they utilized one of the latest technological advances in communication - PictureTel Corp.'s Visual Collaboration Systems.

PictureTel, a video-conferencing company on River Road that also has locations world-wide, hosted the field trip for Sargent teacher Kate Bresnahan and her students. PictureTel's video-conferencing technology, which is similar to the way a Web-cam works, allowed the students to see a National Science Foundation researcher in Antarctica, ask him questions and have him answer them right back.

"Providing that people at the (other)

end have similar equipment, you can talk to them and listen to them as if you were together in the same room," says Ned Semonite, executive vice-president of marketing.

PictureTel hosts field trips for local students about once a week with destinations such as the NASA space camp in Florida, zoos all over the country, and classrooms in various countries and cultures, says Semonite.

"It's interesting to see (students) talk to school children in France, asking, 'What do you do with your spare time? What is your favorite music video?'" says Semonite.

This technology may someday become essential to education, because it expands the teaching capabilities outside of the classroom, Semonite says.

Teachers can bring experts into the classroom to talk to students from

across the country, and professors can teach courses from outside of a college or university, he adds.

"The world is becoming much smaller and closer together. Our viewpoint in education is becoming much more global," says Semonite.

Most people don't have any trouble getting past the computer or television monitor, he adds.

"Very instantly the technology becomes transparent and you begin to forget the fact that this person's face is (inside) a TV monitor," he says.

The field trips open the younger generation's eyes to the possibilities in technology - and that is exactly the generation that companies like PictureTel want to target, says Semonite.

"Technology is becoming more ubiquitous and young people particularly see the value (in technology)," he says.

## SEASONS MEETINGS



Photos by Tim Jean

At the Holiday Open House in the downtown business district last week, at left, Maria Reilly of Andover checks out the Blue Cow with sons Jack, Danny and Patrick. Above, the Andover Church Interfaith Chorus performs in front of Old Town Hall.

## 'Sports Illustrated' honors local businessman

Chip Rives, president of Andover-based marketing communications agency Lapham/Miller, will join *Sports Illustrated's* Sportsman of the Year celebration in New York City today as the first Sportsman of the 21st Century will be revealed in a one-hour CBS prime time television special.

The event will honor 45 years of Sportsmen and Sportswomen of the Year including Rives, who took home the prize in 1987 as senior fullback on the Wake Forest football team.

Rives was chosen because of his sports accomplishments and his Santa's Helper program he founded for needy children in Winston-Salem, N.C. The first year he raised \$1,000

shopped for the toys, wrapped and labeled them, and then donned a Santa suit and delivered them to 45 local families.

The tradition, and Rives' involvement, continues.

"This year marks the 15th year of the program and we expect to raise about \$20,000 and deliver toys to over 450 families in Forsyth County. Over the years we have raised close to \$250,000 and provided Christmas to over 15,000 children," Rives said in a release. "The best thing about this program is



Chip Rives

that the presents are delivered by Santa Claus to children that do not know they are coming. The parents have been identified through social services and the children expect nothing. It really is as if Santa is actually showing up at their home."

Other Sportsmen of the Year have included Michael Jordan, Muhammed Ali, Carl Yastrzemski, Arnold Palmer, Bobby Orr, Chris Evert, Roger Bannister, Mary Lou Retton and Sandy Koufax.

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# BUSINESS

tant vice president of operations at Concord Savings Bank.

Also promoted to vice president was William Sullivan, corporate services manager. Sullivan has been with First Essex for one year and is responsible for sales, product development and management of corporate cash management services. He has many years cash management sales experience with BankBoston and Bay Bank.



William Sullivan

Sharon Zacharias was promoted to assistant vice president of human resources and is responsible for employee relations and compensation and salary administration programs. She has been with the bank for six years.

James Peyser has been with the bank since February of 1999 and was promoted to assistant vice president. Peyser has 24 years collection experience and manages the collection department for First Essex.

Jeff Goulart was promoted to indirect business development officer. He joined First Essex in August of 1999. He has many years experience in banking as well as in the automotive financial and sales industry.

# PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Due to space considerations this feature has not run recently. The following property transfers occurred in Andover from March 16 to March 28.

**1** Thomas J. Kelly, trustee, of Kell-Som Investment Trust bought 3 Bobby Jones Drive for \$625,000, from trustee Denise Enxing and trustee Yvon Cormier. CA Investment Trust. The mortgage is with Citizens Mortgage Corp.

**2** Robert R. and Reaney Dorsey Kunkler bought 73 Elm St. for \$432,500, from Theresa and Thomas F. Medina. The mortgage is with Norwest Mortgage of Massachusetts Inc.

**3** Robert J. Moore bought 10-12 Brechin Terrace for \$240,000, from Constance A. Grant. The mortgage is with North American Mortgage Co.

**4** Jasmin and Firdaus Bhatena bought 60 William St. for \$1,085,000, from Betty A. and Bryan R. Russell. The mortgage is with Andover Bank.

**5** Windchime Investments Inc. bought 112 Main St. for \$400,000, from William F. Rich. The mort-



Photo by Tim Jean

This Forbes Lane home sold for nearly \$537,000 earlier this year.

gage is with Mary T. and John E. Stone.

**6** Viney Qazi bought 237 North Main St. for \$115,000, from Annette M. Doyle and Rita Martin. The mortgage is with Metro Mortgage Co. Inc.

**7** Susan B. and Peter M. Walsh bought 7 Forbes Lane for \$536,750, from the Alyce Schlapp estate, Frederick G. Schlapp executor. The mortgage is with Andover Bank.

**8** Mathieu J. Massicotte bought 3 Hidden Road for \$367,500, from Susan B. and Peter M. Walsh. The mortgage is with Andover Bank.

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# Sports

## Indoor track fires off the starting line at Andover High

By Rick Harrison

Andover High 2000-01 winter sports previews continue today with a look at the varsity girls track and boys track teams.

### INDOOR TRACK

The regular season opened yesterday afternoon for both the Andover High boys and girls track teams, who battled Merrimack Valley Conference crossover rival Tewksbury in dual meets at the Andover High Field House after *Townsmen* presstime.

Tomorrow afternoon a JV Meet, involving many of the athletes who did not get a chance to participate yesterday, will be held at the Lowell High Field House.

Next week Andover hosts a similar junior varsity meet on Friday, and Saturday, Dec. 23 the locals will travel to the Reggie Lewis Center in Roxbury for the annual non-scoring Winter Festival.

The AHS girls do not have another MVC dual meet until January 3 when Notre Dame Academy of Tyngsboro comes to town, while the boys next dual is not until Jan. 10 against visiting Methuen.

Head coach Art Iworsley, who oversees the entire program and works primarily with the sprinters, is joined once again this year by

assistant coaches Peter Comeau (hurdlers, high jumpers), Brenda Clark-Warne (distance runners) and George Sullivan (shot putters).

Recent AHS graduate and track alum Todd Collins is working for the first time as a volunteer assistant with the distance runners.

"We have about 200 athletes, 100 on each team, out for track," said Iworsley. "It's tough with so many kids and only five coaches."

Both Andover teams faced North Reading in a pre-season practice meet. The girls did well and the boys did fair against the visiting Hornets.

"That's probably a good indication of how the season will go," said Iworsley. "The girls should win consistently while the boys may not be as fortunate."

### Andover girls

With depth in all 10 events, and particular strength in the hurdles and shot put, the AHS girls should be a contender once again for top honors in Division 1 of the Merrimack Valley Conference.

The Lady Warriors shared their seventh league title with Chelmsford last winter, both finishing 6-0-1 overall and 3-0-1 in division meets.

Gone from that talented team are 10 graduates, many key performers who consistently finished

among the top three in their specialties.

Those who have moved on include Liz Connors, Alexis Contos, Caitlin Murray, Allison Corey, Jenny Hsu, Jessie DeFrancisco, Melissa Langlais, Lindsay Ravens, Siobhan Landry and Megan Munroe.

The list of returning veterans is led by senior Capt. Ogechi Ibe, Sheena Patel, Stephanie Pierce and Emily Pfeil.

Ace shot putter Ibe was virtually unbeatable in MVC meets, Patel and Pierce often placed 1-2 in the 50 hurdles, and double threat Pfeil is a standout high jumper and miler who several times placed first in both events.

Patel, Pfeil and Ibe scored in the Eastern Mass. Class B Championship Meet last year, sparking the AHS girls to a sixth place team finish.

Patel was third in the 55-meter dash (9.0 seconds) and fourth in the long jump (15'7"). Pfeil placed fifth in the mile (personal-best 5:35.41) and Ibe sixth in the shot put (32'8").

Other leading shot putters this season are senior Robin Young, junior Betsy Miller and sophomore Vicki Britton.

Strong hurdlers behind Patel and Pierce include juniors Chrissy Vanderheiden, Caitlin Murphy,

Patricia Wong and Kate Gustin.

Expected to contend in the 50 yard dash are seniors Tina Baraby, Jen Annese and Heidi Carroll, along with sophomores Carolyn Berberian and Laura Denison.

Competitors in the 300 dash include junior Liz Sullivan, freshman Charlene Fielding and sophomores Grace Farnham, Janelle Larose, Stephanie Casper and Allison Shannon.

Middle distance standouts include juniors Natasha Camilo, Joan Moffett, Jessica Urbelis and sophomore Kristin Araujo (600 yard run), along with seniors Melissa Yee, Caitlin Woo, Kaitlin Stoberg, juniors Lindsay Durkin and Allyson Fortier and sophomore Amy Palmieri (1000 run).

Several middle distance runners may also compete in the mile and two-mile, joining Pfeil, juniors Laura O'Connell and Adele Galebach, sophomores Lauren Woo, Jenika Hornung, Julia Kwolyk, Cory Hanson and freshman Megan Lewis.

Patel, Larose, Casper and Julie Marvin took the AHS 4x400 relay to second place in the Class B Meet last winter, while the 4x800 relay of Durkin, Corey, Murray and DeFrancisco was fifth.

Patel did not compete in the All-State Meet, held during February

school vacation week, and the AHS qualifiers that did go were scoreless.

"We'll probably have other athletes who will prove themselves and earn both points and publicity along the way this season," said Coach Iworsley.

This is Iworsley's 22nd season with the girls indoor team. In addition to the seven league titles, the Lady Warriors have won several State Class B and C Relay championships and finished as high as second place in the EMass. Class B or C title meets over the years.

Iworsley sees defending co-champ Chelmsford (six straight MVC titles won or shared) and Central Catholic as Andover's primary competition in Division 1. Tewksbury and Methuen should be strong in Division 2.

### Andover boys

The AHS boys once again will have their work cut out for them after graduating 11 key athletes from a team that finished 2-6 last season.

The record was somewhat deceptive with losses to Billerica, Central Catholic, Methuen and Chelmsford all by close scores (10 points or less).

Sure to be missed are Chuck

(Continued on page 38)

## Roundup: Andover High varsity basketball on the boards

By Rick Harrison

Jenny Muller, Lisa Tisbert and Shannon Sweeney all scored in double figures, combining for 39 points, as the defending Merrimack Valley Conference champion Andover High girls varsity basketball team opened the season with a 58-35 victory over visiting Dracut Tuesday night at the Dunn Gym.

The AHS boys were not as fortunate, however, falling behind by 14 points at the half and coming up short with a furious second-half rally in a 59-54 loss to Dracut at the Middies' gym.

The Andover boys swim and dive team also launched its season on Tuesday, with double wins by versatile Justin Crocker and Steve Graham sparking the locals to a 98-79 MVC dual-meet triumph over Nashua, N.H. High at the Greater Lawrence Tech pool.

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Three more Andover teams began their 2000-01 seasons yesterday, after *Townsmen* presstime.

The boys and girls track teams hosted Tewksbury at the AHS Field House, while the hockey team also played Tewksbury at the Janas Rink in Lowell.

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

The Lady Warriors registered their 16th straight conference victory, rolling out to a 27-14 halftime lead against Dracut and riding strong efforts by Muller, Tisbert, Sweeney and freshman Ashley McLaughlin in her varsity debut.

"Dracut was playing a zone defense — and we got off to a good start by shooting the ball well," said AHS head coach Jim Tildsley, who recorded his 98th career win at Andover in the 58-35 MVC crossover victory.

"They're a good team and they played us tough, cutting the lead to eight points in the second half before we hit a couple of key three-pointers.

"We moved the ball very well and our big people were active," said Tildsley. "Jenny Muller played an outstanding all-around game, (Katie) Kramer was Kramer on defense, and Ashley McLaughlin was our first player off the bench and did not play like a freshman."

Muller finished with a game-high 16 points and added seven assists, six steals.

Capt. Tisbert netted 13 points to surpass 400 career points, draining a trio of three-pointers, and

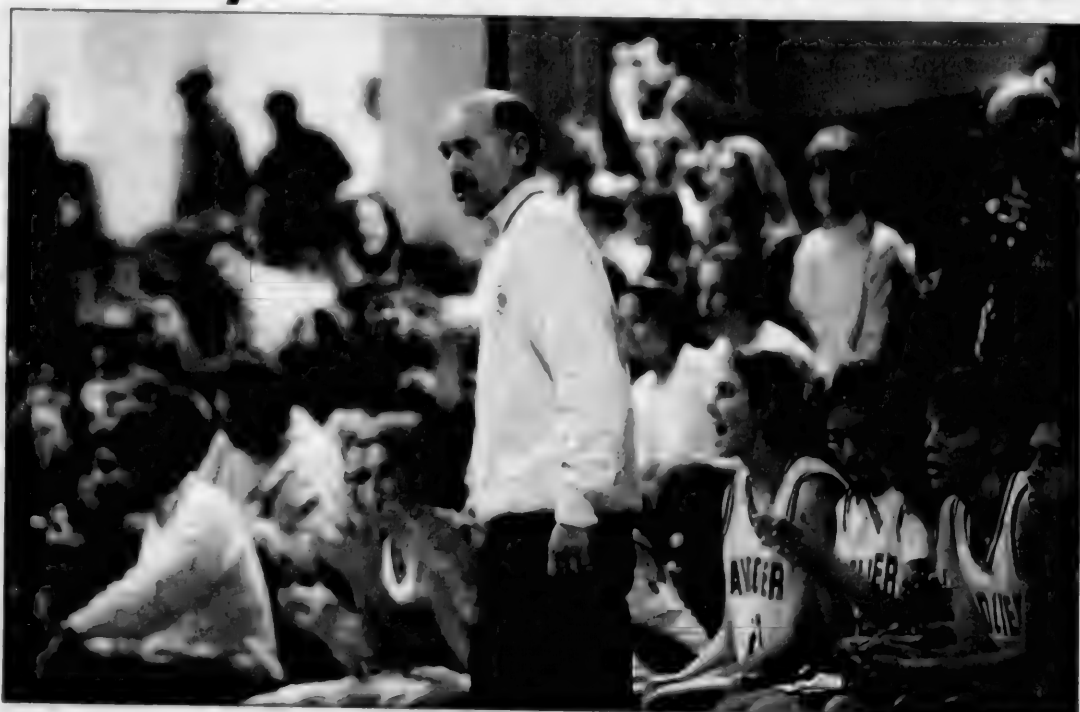


Photo by Tim Jean

The game Tuesday night, the season opener, was the 98th career win at Andover for AHS head coach Jim Tildsley.

she also had three assists and two steals.

Sweeney produced a double-double with 10 points and 10 rebounds, while also contributing

five assists and two steals.

McLaughlin had nine points, five boards, five steals and four assists.

Megan Pinksten chipped in

four points and five rebounds, Samantha Hughes four points, two steals and Karen Whelan a field goal.



# ANDOVER HIGH SCHOOL WINTER 2000 ATHLETIC SCHEDULE

## BOYS BASKETBALL

(Home Games at Dunn Gym)

### December

- 12 — at Dracut, L. 54-59  
15 — at Chelmsford, 7:30 p.m.  
19 — Tewksbury, 7:30 p.m.  
23-29 — Greater Lawrence Christmas Tournament, 3 games with opponents & times TBA

### January

- 2 — Lawrence, 7:30 p.m.  
5 — Haverhill, 7:30 p.m.  
9 — at Billerica, 7:30 p.m.  
12 — Lowell, 7:30 p.m.  
14 — at Brockton, 7 p.m. (non-league)  
17 — Holy Name of Worcester, 7:30 p.m.  
19 — at Central Catholic, 7:30 p.m.  
26 — Methuen, 7:30 p.m.  
30 — at Lowell, 7:30 p.m.

### February

- 6 — Central Catholic, 7:30 p.m.  
9 — at Haverhill, 7:30 p.m.  
13 — at Methuen, 7:30 p.m.  
17 — at MediaOne Tournament vs. South Boston, time TBA (at Boston College High)  
18 — at MediaOne Tournament vs. Charlestown or B.C. High, time TBA (at B.C. High)

**Head Coach:** Dave Fazio (12th year)

**Career Record:** 174-73

**JV Coach:** Bob Hatem

**Record Last Year:** 20-4 MVC Division 1 champ, Division 1 North Tournament finalist

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

(Home Games at Dunn Gym)

### December

- 12 — Dracut, W. 58-35  
15 — Chelmsford, 7:30 p.m.  
19 — at Tewksbury, 7:30 p.m.  
28 — Greater Lawrence Christmas Tournament vs. North Andover, 7:30 p.m.  
30 — Greater Lawrence Christmas Tournament semifinal & championship games, time TBA

### January

- 2 — at Lawrence, 7:30 p.m.  
5 — at Haverhill, 7:30 p.m.  
9 — Billerica, 7:30 p.m.  
12 — at Lowell, 7:30 p.m.  
16 — at Notre Dame Academy-Tyngsboro, 7:30 p.m.  
19 — Central Catholic, 7:30 p.m.  
23 — Brockton, 6:30 p.m. (non-league)  
26 — at Methuen, 7:30 p.m.  
30 — Lowell, 7:30 p.m.

### February

- 1 — at Chelmsford, 7:30 p.m.  
6 — at Central Catholic, 7:30 p.m.  
9 — Haverhill, 7:45 p.m.  
17-18 — at MediaOne Tournament, opponents & times TBA

**Head Coach:** Jim Tildsley (6th year)

**Career Record:** 97-17

**JV Coach:** Susan Rogers

**Record Last Year:** 19-3 MVC Division 1 champ, Division 1 North Tournament semifinalist

## ICE HOCKEY

(Home Games at Merrimack Valley Forum)

### December

- 13 — at Tewksbury, 6 p.m. (Janas Rink)  
16 — at Lincoln-Sudbury, 4:20 p.m. (Assabet Valley Arena)  
20 — Boston Latin, 6 p.m.  
26-27 — at Wakefield Christmas Tournament, opponents & times TBA

### January

- 3 — Haverhill, 6 p.m.  
6 — at Westford Academy, 3:50 p.m. (Chelmsford Forum)  
10 — Chelmsford, 6 p.m.  
13 — Methuen, 1 p.m.  
17 — Central Catholic, 6 p.m.  
20 — Lincoln-Sudbury, 1 p.m.  
24 — at Billerica, 7 p.m. (Hallenborg Pavilion)  
27 — at Boston Latin, 12:30 p.m. (Matthews Arena)  
31 — at Haverhill, 7 p.m. (Veterans Memorial Rink)

### February

- 3 — Westford Academy, 1 p.m.  
10 — at Lowell, 8 p.m. (Janas Rink)  
14 — Dracut, 6 p.m.  
17 — at Methuen, 6 p.m. (Methuen High)  
19 — at Newburyport Bank Classic vs. North Reading, 2 p.m. (Graf Rink)  
22 — at Newburyport Bank Classic, championship or consolation round, opponent & time TBA

**Head Coach:** Bill Cullen (11th year)

**Career Record:** 84-77-22

**Assistant Coach:** Bill Blackwell

**JV Coach:** Ralph Quaglietta

**Record Last Year:** 7-13

## BOYS INDOOR TRACK

(Home Meets at AHS Field House)

### December

- 13 — Tewksbury, 3:30 p.m.

### January

- 7 — Freshman/Sophomore Meet, 10 a.m. (Reggie Lewis Arena)  
10 — Methuen, 3:30 p.m.  
17 — Central Catholic, 3:30 p.m.  
21 — State Coaches Relays, 10 a.m. (Reggie Lewis Arena)  
24 — Haverhill, 3:30 p.m.

### February

- 1 — at Lowell, 3:30 p.m. (Riddick Field House)  
4 — Boys State Coaches Meet, 9 a.m. (Reggie Lewis Arena)  
7 — Chelmsford, 3:30 p.m.  
9 — Phillips Academy, 4 p.m. (non-league)  
16-18 — State Class Meet, 9 a.m. (Reggie Lewis Arena)

**Head Coach:** Art Iworsley (12th year)

**Assistant Coaches:** Peter Comeau, Brenda Clark-Warne, George Sullivan

**Record Last Year:** 2-6

## GIRLS INDOOR TRACK

(Home Meets at AHS Field House)

### December

- 13 — Tewksbury, 3:30 p.m.

### January

- 3 — Notre Dame Academy-Tyngsboro, 3:30 p.m.  
7 — Freshman/Sophomore Meet, 10 a.m. (Reggie Lewis Arena)  
10 — Methuen, 3:30 p.m.  
17 — Central Catholic, 3:30 p.m.  
21 — State Coaches Relays, 10 a.m. (Reggie Lewis Arena)  
24 — Haverhill, 3:30 p.m.

### February

- 1 — at Lowell, 3:30 p.m. (Riddick Field House)  
3 — Girls State Coaches Meet, 9 a.m. (Reggie Lewis Arena)  
7 — Chelmsford, 3:30 p.m.  
9 — Phillips Academy, 4 p.m. (non-league)  
16-18 — State Class

Meet, 9 a.m. (Reggie Lewis Arena)

**Head Coach:** Art Iworsley

**Assistant Coaches:** Peter Comeau, Brenda Clark-Warne, George Sullivan

**Record Last Year:** 6-1-1 MVC Division 1 co-champs.

## BOYS SWIM & DIVE

(Home Meets at Gr. Lawrence Tech)

### December

- 12 — Nashua, N.H., W. 98-79  
15 — Lowell, 3:30 p.m.

### January

- 5 — at Haverhill, 3:30 p.m. (White Natatorium)  
9 — Chelmsford, 3:30 p.m.  
16 — Nashua, N.H., 3:30 p.m.  
19 — at Lowell, 3:30 p.m. (Riddick Field House)  
23 — Haverhill, 3:30 p.m.  
26 — at Chelmsford, 3:30 p.m. (Lowell YMCA)

### February

- 9 — MVC Championship Meet, 3:30 p.m. (White Natatorium, Haverhill)  
**Coach:** Mark Taffe (4th year)  
**Record Last Year:** 3-5

## GIRLS GYMNASTICS

(Home Meets at Dunn Gym)

### January

- 6 — at Tewksbury, 1 p.m.  
10 — Billerica & Wilmington, 7 p.m.  
15 — at Lowell w/Dracut, 10 a.m.  
18 — at Methuen, 7 p.m.  
24 — Masconomet Regional, 7 p.m.  
31 — North Andover, 7 p.m.

### February

- 7 — Chelmsford, 7 p.m.  
10 — MVC Championship Meet, 3 p.m. (Dunn Gym)  
**Head Coach:** Julie Chapman (11th year)  
**Career Record:** 92-13  
**Assistant Coach:** Mia Kearns  
**Record Last Year:** 9-0 MVC champs, North Sectional champs, All-State champs.

## BOYS GYMNASTICS

(Home Meets at Dunn Gym)

### January

- 4 — Newton North, 5 p.m.  
12 — at Braintree, 7 p.m.  
16 — Salem, N.H. & Attleboro, 6:30 p.m.  
20 — at Salem, N.H. Invitational, 10 a.m.

### February

- 1 — at Revere, 6 p.m.  
6 — at Newton South, 6:30 p.m.  
9 — Burlington, 4 p.m.  
12 — at Eastern Mass. League Championship Meet, 7 p.m. (Newton North High)  
15 — State Team & Individual Meet, 7 p.m. (at Braintree High)

**Head Coaches:** Jack Gleason & Steve Sirois

**Record Last Year:** 2-5

## GIRLS SKIING

(Home Meets at Bradford Hill)

### January

- 8 — Methuen & North Andover, 3:30 p.m.  
10 — Haverhill & Bishop Fenwick, 3:30 p.m.  
19 — Masconomet Regional, 3:30 p.m.  
25 — Methuen & North Andover, 3:30 p.m.

30 — Haverhill & Bishop Fenwick, 3:30 p.m.

### February

- 6 — Masconomet Regional, 3:30 p.m.  
13 — Interscholastic Race, 3:30 p.m.  
27 — All-State Championship Meet, 9:30 a.m. (Berkshire East, Charlemont)  
**Head Coach:** Tom Busta (3rd year)  
**Assistant Coach:** Karl Lippmann  
**Record Last Year:** 8-2, 2nd in North Shore League, qualify for All-State Championship Meet.

## BOYS SKIING

(Home Meets at Bradford Hill)

### January

- 9 — Haverhill & Bishop Fenwick, 3:30 p.m.  
11 — Masconomet Regional & St. John's Prep, 3:30 p.m.  
16 — Methuen & Austin Prep, 3:30 p.m.  
17 — North Andover, 3:30 p.m.  
24 — Haverhill & Bishop Fenwick, 3:30 p.m.  
29 — Masconomet Regional & St. John's Prep, 3:30 p.m.  
31 — Methuen & Austin Prep, 3:30 p.m.

### February

- 5 — North Andover, 3:30 p.m.  
13 — Interscholastic Race, 3:30 p.m.  
27 — All-State Championship Meet, 9:30 a.m. (Berkshire East, Charlemont)

**Head Coach:** Tom Busta

**Assistant Coach:** Karl Lippmann

**Record Last Year:** 10-4

## BOYS FRESHMAN BASKETBALL

(Home Games at West Middle School)

### December

- 12 — at Dracut, 4:45 p.m.  
15 — at Chelmsford, 4 p.m.  
19 — Tewksbury, 4:45 p.m.

### January

- 2 — Lawrence, 4:45 p.m.  
5 — Haverhill, 4:45 p.m.  
9 — at Billerica, 4:45 p.m.  
12 — Lowell, 4:30 p.m.  
19 — at Central Catholic, 4:45 p.m.  
22 — North Andover, 4:45 p.m.  
24 — Phillips Academy, 4:45 p.m.  
26 — Methuen, 4:45 p.m.  
30 — at Lowell, 4:45 p.m.

### February

- 6 — Central Catholic, 4:45 p.m.  
9 — at Haverhill, 4:45 p.m.  
13 — at Methuen, 4:45 p.m.  
**Coach:** Chris Downer

## GIRLS FRESHMAN BASKETBALL

(Home Games at West Middle School)

### December

- 12 — at Dracut, 4:45 p.m.  
15 — at Chelmsford, 4 p.m.  
19 — Tewksbury, 3:30 p.m.

### January

- 2 — Lawrence, 3:30 p.m.  
5 — Haverhill, 3:30 p.m.  
9 — at Billerica, 3:30 p.m.  
10 — at North Andover, 3:30 p.m.  
12 — Lowell, 3:15 p.m.  
19 — at Central Catholic, 3:30 p.m.  
22 — North Andover, 3:30 p.m.  
26 — Methuen, 4 p.m.  
30 — at Lowell, 4 p.m.

### February

- 6 — Central Catholic, 3:30 p.m.  
9 — at Haverhill, 3:30 p.m.  
13 — at Methuen, 4 p.m.  
**Coach:** Stephanie Ragucci

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ANDOVER  
TOWNSMAN



Jenny Muller



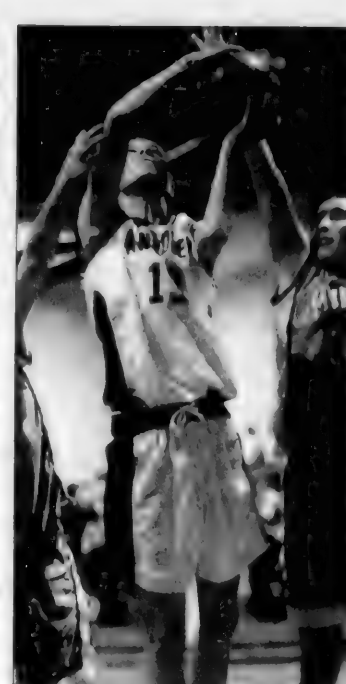
Megan Pinksten



Photos by Tim Jean  
Tough defense against Dracut.



Shannon Sweeney



Ashley McLaughlin

## AHS ROUNDUP

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Kramer produced three steals and bothered the Middies' top players with her hustling defense.

Leading the charge for Dracut were Jen Fontaine with 14 points, Amanda Ducharme 11 points, five rebounds and Nicky Gavel seven points.

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The Lady Warriors host Chelmsford tomorrow night in the Lions' season opener (7:30 p.m.), and next Tuesday night the locals play at Tewksbury (0-1) which lost a 62-42 decision to Lowell in its opener.

### BOYS BASKETBALL

Undermanned Andover fell behind 14-0 at the outset, trailed 37-23 at the half, but then battled all the way back to take a one-point lead with 90 seconds left in the game.

Dracut game-high scorer Ryan Grady, who netted 10 of his 23 points from the free throw line, sank four straight charities down the stretch as the Middies rallied for a rare MVC win against crossover rival Andover.

The Golden Warriors, already feeling the effects of Tom McLaughlin's absence, were led by senior point-guard and Capt.

Kevin Shepard with 19 points, five steals and four assists.

Freshman guard Chris Vetrano made an

auspicious varsity debut with 12 points, and senior forward Bruno Zurotti of Paraguay made his AHS bow with nine points.

Geordie Miliotis and Pat Stockwood pocketed five points each, while Chris Caverly and Anthony Silva had a basket apiece.

Backing Grady, a perfect 10-for-10 at the foul line, were Russ Vitallo with 15 points, 16 assists, Brian Zukowski seven points and Jeff Hoban seven. Mike Hubert picked off four steals.

Andover held a 20-18 edge in field goals, but Dracut won it at the foul line where it outscored the Golden Warriors, 18-11.

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Andover hopes to get untracked tomorrow night at Chelmsford (1-0), which edged Billerica 42-40 in its season opener.

Tewksbury (0-1), a 68-67 loser to Lowell, provides the opposition in the home opener next Tuesday night at the Dunn Gym (7:30 p.m.).

### BOYS SWIM & DIVE

Andover placed first in seven of

the 12 events and showed strength across the board in its opening 19-point win over Merrimack Valley Conference rival Nashua.

Junior Justin Crocker placed first in the 200-yard IM (2:13.78) and 100 butterfly (1:00.26), while senior newcomer Steve Graham made his impressive bow with victories in the 500 free (5:06.51) and 100 backstroke (1:00.33).

Crocker and Graham also swam the second and anchor legs on the victorious 400 free relay (3:43.48), a foursome completed by freshman Sean Geary and senior Capt. John D'Ambrosio.

Geary also touched first in the 200 free (1:55.69), and the 200 free relay of freshman Paul D'Ambrosio, freshman Nick Saunders, Rich Roda and Geary won in 1:43.93.

Individual AHS second places went to John D'Ambrosio (50 free, 25.48), Geary (100 free, 53.95), sophomore Colin Callahan (100 breaststroke, 1:15.59) and freshman one-meter diver Danny Guy.

The 200 medley relay of Crocker, Callahan, Graham and John D'Ambrosio (1:52.91) was runner-

up by a split second.

Paul D'Ambrosio notched a pair of thirds in the 100 free (59.98) and 100 back (1:10.22).

Also finishing third were senior Capt. Luke Moskal (200 free, 2:12.91), Roda (50 free, 26.07), Saunders (100 fly, 1:01.57) and freshman Matt Judell-Halfpenny (100 breast, 1:16.22).

Paul D'Ambrosio, Saunders, Judell-Halfpenny and Roda were third in the 200 medley relay.

Third in the 200 free relay went to Judell-Halfpenny, Moskal, freshman Mike Cronin and Bert Gilbert (1:55.25), while third in the 400 free relay were junior Rob Lakow, Gilbert, Callahan and Moskal (4:18.34).

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The Golden Warriors return to the Greater Lawrence Tech pool tomorrow against visiting Lowell (0-1) in a 3:30 p.m. dual.

The Red Raiders were beaten 110-65 by multi-time MVC champ Chelmsford in their season opener Tuesday.

### ANDOVER SCORING

#### BOYS BASKETBALL (1 game)

	FG	FT	Pts
Kevin Shepard	5	9	19
Chris Vetrano	5	0	12
Bruno Zurotti	4	1	9
Geordie Miliotis	2	1	5
Pat Stockwood	2	0	5
Chris Caverly	1	0	2
Anthony Silva	1	0	2

3-pointers: Chris Vetrano 2; Pat Stockwood 1.

#### GIRLS BASKETBALL (1 game)

	FG	FT	Pts
Jenny Muller	7	2	16
Lisa Tisbert	5	0	13
Shannon Sweeney	4	2	10
Ashley McLaughlin	4	0	9
Samantha Hughes	2	0	4
Megan Pinksten	2	0	4
Karen Whelan	1	0	2

3-pointers: Lisa Tisbert 3; Ashley McLaughlin 1.

### BOYS BASKETBALL

#### DRACUT 59, ANDOVER 54 at Dracut High

Andover — Geordie Miliotis 2-1-5, Chris Vetrano 5-0-12, Anthony Silva 1-0-2, Pat Stockwood 2-0-5, Chris Caverly 1-0-2, Kevin Shepard 5-9-19, Bruno Zurotti 4-1-9. Totals: 20-11-54.

Dracut — Mike Hubert 1-0-2, Russ Vitallo 5-6-16, Ryan Grady 5-10-23, Brian Zukowski 2-2-7, Jeff Hoban 3-0-7, Mike Belleau 1-0-2, Matt Murphy 1-0-2. Totals: 18-18-59.

Halftime: Dracut, 37-23. 3-pointers: A, Vetrano 2, Stockwood 1; D, Grady 3, Zukowski 1, Hoban 1. Records: Dracut 1-0, Andover 0-1.

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

#### ANDOVER 58, DRACUT 35 at Dunn Gym

Dracut — Amanda Ducharme 4-3-11, Lindsay Gunter 0-1-1, Nicky Gavel 3-1-7, Joanna Natsios 1-0-2, Jen Fontaine 5-4-14. Totals: 13-9-35.

Andover — Lisa Tisbert 5-0-13, Katie Kramer 0-0-0, Jenny Muller 7-2-16, Mary Fish 0-0-0, Ashley McLaughlin 4-0-9, Samantha Hughes 2-0-4, Kelly McLaughlin 0-0-0, Shawna Foley 0-0-0, Karen Whelan 1-0-2, Shannon Sweeney 4-2-10, Megan Pinksten 2-0-4. Totals: 25-4-58.

Halftime: Andover, 27-14. 3-pointers: A, Tisbert 3, AMcLaughlin 1. Rebounds: A, Sweeney 10, Pinksten 5, AMcLaughlin 5. Assists: A, Muller 7, Sweeney 5, AMcLaughlin 4, Tisbert 3. Steals: A,

Muller 6, AMcLaughlin 5, Kramer 3, Tisbert 2, Hughes 2, Sweeney 2. Records: Andover 1-0, Dracut 0-1.

### BOYS SWIM & DIVE

#### ANDOVER 98, NASHUA, N.H. 79 at Greater Lawrence Tech pool (Andover Placers)

200 MEDLEY RELAY: 2. Justin Crocker, Colin Callahan, Steve Graham & John D'Ambrosio, 1:52.91; 3. Paul D'Ambrosio, Nick Saunders, Matt Judell-Halfpenny & Rich Roda.

200 FREE: 1. Sean Geary 1:55.69; 3. Luke Moskal 2:12.91.

200 IM: 1. Crocker 2:13.78.

50 FREE: 2. JD'Ambrosio 25.48; 3. Roda 26.07. 1-METER DIVING: 2. Danny Guy 91.10 pts.

100 BUTTERFLY: 1. Crocker 1:00.26; 3. Saunders 1:01.57.

100 FREE: 2. Geary 53.95; 3. PD'Ambrosio 59.98.

500 FREE: 1. Graham 5:06.51.

200 FREE RELAY: 1. PD'Ambrosio, Saunders, Roda & Geary, 1:43.93; 3. Judell-Halfpenny, Moskal, Mike Cronin & Bert Gilbert, 1:55.25.

100 BACKSTROKE: 1. Callahan 1:15.59; 3. PD'Ambrosio 1:10.22.

100 BREASTSTROKE: 2. Callahan 1:15.59; 3. Judell-Halfpenny 1:16.22.

400 FREE RELAY: 1. Geary, Crocker, JD'Ambrosio & Graham, 3:43.48; 3. Rob Lakow, Gilbert, Callahan & Moskal, 4:18.34.

Records: Andover 1-0, Nashua 0-1.

### Yurko is MVP in football honors

Andover High two-way lineman and All-Conference selection Andy Yurko was presented with the Richard Collins Most Valuable Player Award to highlight the 2000 Andover High Varsity Football Awards Banquet held this past Sunday at the Rolling Green Ramada Inn.

Eleven other major awards were presented. Named as captains of next fall's 2001 AHS squad were Bruce Brown, Jason Crabb, Chris Callison and Sean Smith.

Other award winners were as follows:  
**The Four Stables Outstanding Back Award:** Chris Callison.

**The Richard Bourdelais Outstanding End Award:** Jon Maloney.

**The Maj. William Walsh Outstanding Line-man Award:** Andy Gallagher.

**The John Curtin Sportsmanship Award:** Shahriar Ghandchi.

**The Most Dedicated Player Award:** Sean Smith.

**The Unsung Hero Award:** Dan Nolan.

**12th Player Award:** Ben Perkins.

**Offensive Coaches Award:** Josh Brooks.

**Defensive Coaches Award:** Kyle Miller.

**Scout Team Defensive Player Award:** Tim Meagher.

**Scout Team Offensive Player Award:** Peter Burbank.



# WHAT'S UP

## Youth Council wants to make the holidays bright

The Andover Youth Council would like to help ensure that everyone has happy holidays. They are aware that there are Andover families who need help purchasing presents for their children this holiday season. AYC members will raise money during the next few weeks by hosting a concert Friday, Dec. 15 at Old Town Hall; collecting change at the High School; and soliciting for personal donations. According to Glenn Wilson, "We will take all the proceeds from these events

and help out those we can. If you need help or would like to help us, call the Youth Council at 623-8242. All inquiries and requests will be kept confidential. Let's help those less fortunate."

### Winter lacrosse

The AYS Winter Lacrosse clinic brings youth lacrosse players together to teach, enhance and experience the game of lacrosse.

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office, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, 36 Bartlet St., Town Offices.

Groups will be assigned to the following sessions:

Youth Boys - 8-10 years old - 1:45-3 p.m.

Youth Boys - 11-13 years old - 2:45-4 p.m.

Youth Girls - 12 & under - 5:15-6:30 p.m.

Youth Girls - 14 & under - 6:15-7:30 p.m.

High School Boys - Freshman & sophomores - 11:45

a.m.-1 p.m.

Juniors & seniors - 12:45-2 p.m.

High school girls - 4-5:30 p.m.

Questions? Call the AYS at 623-8241.

► For more information about **WHAT'S UP**, call Bill Fahey, Andover Youth Services director, at 623-8241; or Jack Grady, Townsman assistant editor, at 475-7000. E-mail submissions to: [jgrady@andovertownsman.com](mailto:jgrady@andovertownsman.com)

## Students fight bigotry and hatred at Team Harmony VII

By Michael McNamara  
West Middle School

BOSTON - On Dec. 5, 14,000 teens representing 250 schools were at the FleetCenter. Some might ask, "Why?" The answer was, to attend Team Harmony VII.

Team Harmony is an event where teens from Massachusetts and beyond come together to fight bigotry and hatred.

Several students from West Middle School in Andover attended the meet-

ing last week. The Team Harmony Foundation hopes that kids will take what they learn at Team Harmony VII and put it into action in their school and community.

Celebrities also attended the event to get across a wor-

thy message. Some stars included Angela Perez Braquio, this year's Miss America; Nomar Garciaparra of the Boston Red Sox; and Funk Master Flex, a popular DJ on MTV. Bill Clinton also talked to students via satellite.

"Celebrities help because kids listen and look up to them. The students think that stars do everything right, so if they set a good example the kids will follow it," said Ally Joyce, a seventh-grader at West Middle School.

The Team Harmony Foundation hopes that having celebrities at the Team Harmony Rally will not only be a cool way for kids to see the stars, but will help to get across the message that diversity is a good thing.

This year, for the first time, students from Johannesburg, South Africa and from Belfast, North Ireland participated in discussions via satellite. Those chil-

dren learned about problems in the Boston area, and the kids in Boston got to learn about the problems in Johannesburg and Belfast.

"I think it was good because we can find out if we have similar problems racially and related to religion," said Emily Cummings, a seventh-grader at West Middle School.

Students at the FleetCenter learned about the religious dispute in Ireland between the Catholic and Protestant churches. They also learned about the racial problem in South Africa between the blacks and the whites. This was a rewarding experience for everyone.

Team Harmony VII was special for yet another reason. This year's event was dedicated to Leonard P. Zakim, the co-founder of Team Harmony.

Along with Jon Jennings and Reggie Lewis, Mr. Zakim founded Team Harmony. Just shortly after Team Harmony VI last year, Lenny Zakim lost his fight with cancer. This year, each school was asked to bring a small stone in observance of the Jewish tradition of remembrance. The stones will later be embedded in the Lenny Zakim Bridge in Boston.

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# AHS PREVIEW

Murmane, a hurdler and high jumper who often won both events. Mike Burnett, Brian D'Angelo, Terence Fitzsimmons, Mike Gales, Brian Gosselin, Nishant Mehta, Chad Mongeau, Jeremy Spiegel, Adam Spiller and Greg Stamm.

Murmane was the Eastern Mass. Class B 5-meter hurdles champ (7.86), and cleared 6'6" in the high jump for second place as the AHS boys placed a surprising fifth in the team standings.

Murmane sprained his ankle just days before the All State Meet, however, and was unable to compete.

"The attitude is excellent this

season, but there are a lot of holes to fill and it's going to be a struggle," said Iworsley, who begins his 12th season as head coach of the boys team.

"What we're looking for is steady improvement week by week. If that happens, and everyone is giving 100 percent effort, we can't ask for more."

The Golden Warriors' senior captains are hurdler Kyle Miller, middle distance runner Shahriar Ghandchi and long distance runner Brendan Ahern.

Andover boasts one of the premiere mile/two-mile runners in the area and the state. Senior Tim Gale-

bach is coming off an outstanding cross country season where he was practically unbeatable in the conference and placed well in the Division I and All-State Meets.

Joining Gadebach and Ahern (Andover's No. 2 cross country runner) as top distance men are sophomores Phil Shaw and Guy Mancini, freshman Ryan Durkin and junior Sam Nigh.

Along with Ghandchi, leading middle distance runners (600 and 1000) are seniors Bob Filbin and Mike Ring, junior Frank Yang and sophomores Cameron Day and Taylor Hender.

The locals lost another potential standout in Alex Champion, who suffered a knee injury in pre-season football practice several months

ago. He missed the entire football season and will probably be out for the whole track season as well.

Leading sprinters (50 and 300 dashes) are juniors Bruce Brown, Jason Crabb, Mike Donahue, Stephen Kohr and seniors Brian Durie and Shawn Gaines.

Brown, a top football player for the Golden Warriors, has been slowed early in the track season by overall fatigue.

Durie is also a shot putter along with seniors Peter An, Andy Gallagher and Alex Gostanian.

Crabb and junior Hugh Zhang are the top high jumpers.

Iworsley feels Lowell and Chelmsford will be strong in the conference along with Methuen and Central Catholic.

## Team Harmony

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"I thought the stones were cool. When Lenny's family went up it was very touching," said Ally Joyce. Mr. Zakim's legacy lives on through the Team Harmony event.

"It's never too late to change. I'm sure many people changed their attitudes because of this event," said Chris Gibson, a seventh grader at West Middle School.

Everyone agrees that this event was a huge success.

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Joan Browne 12/14/00

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Joan Browne 12/14/00

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**COMMONWEALTH OF  
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THE TRIAL COURT  
PROBATE  
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DEPARTMENT  
ESSEX DIVISION  
Docket No. 00P2947-EP1  
NOTICE**

In the ESTATE OF  
DOROTHY A. PEATMAN

To all persons interested  
in the estate of DOROTHY  
A. PEATMAN late of the  
County of Essex Date of  
Death, March 20, 1989

A petition has been pre-  
sented in the above cap-  
tioned matter praying that a  
certain instrument be pro-  
bated purporting to be the  
last will of said deceased by  
NORMA JEAN LAWSON of the  
County of Essex praying that she  
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IF YOU DESIRE TO  
OBJECT THERETO, YOU  
OR YOUR ATTORNEY  
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APPEARANCE IN SAID  
COURT AT Salem Probate  
Court, 36 Federal St.,  
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10 00 O'CLOCK IN THE  
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ON January 8, 2001

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which the objection is  
based, within thirty (30)  
days after the return day (or  
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court, on motion with notice  
to the petitioner, may allow)  
in accordance with Probate  
Rule 16

Witness, Edward J.  
Rickett, Esquire, First Jus-  
tice of said Court. Date De-  
cember 7, 2000

Pamela Casey O'Brien  
Register of Probate Court  
From the Law Office of  
Attorney Andrew F. Shea  
2 Punchard Avenue  
Andover, MA 01810  
December 14, 2000

**COMMONWEALTH OF  
MASSACHUSETTS  
THE TRIAL COURT  
PROBATE  
AND FAMILY COURT  
DEPARTMENT  
ESSEX DIVISION  
Docket No. 00P2854-EP1  
NOTICE**

In the ESTATE OF  
THOMAS R. PEPIN

To all persons interested  
in the estate of THOMAS R.  
PEPIN late of the County of  
Essex Date of Death,  
September 26, 2000

A petition has been pre-  
sented in the above cap-  
tioned matter praying that a  
certain instrument be pro-  
bated purporting to be the  
last will of said deceased by

ANDREA M. PEPIN of An-  
dover in the County of  
Essex praying that she be  
appointed executrix thereof,  
without giving sureties on  
her bond

IF YOU DESIRE TO  
OBJECT THERETO, YOU  
OR YOUR ATTORNEY  
MUST FILE A WRITTEN  
APPEARANCE IN SAID  
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Court, 36 Federal St.,  
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based, within thirty (30)  
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court, on motion with notice  
to the petitioner, may allow)  
in accordance with Probate  
Rule 16

Witness, Edward J.  
Rickett, Esquire, First Jus-  
tice of said Court. Date  
November 29, 2000

Pamela Casey O'Brien  
Register of Probate Court  
December 14, 2000

## Bingo-free zone

Beach County six months each year, but we  
can't blame them for this mess because they  
voted by absentee ballot, in a state that actu-  
ally counts absentee ballots.

I liked what one county official said about  
the ballot-design flaw that reportedly led so  
many voters to punch for Pat (*Achtung! Baby*)  
Buchanan: "I didn't realize we had so many  
Nazis living in Palm Beach County." Even  
Buchanan figured the ballot design led some  
confused (or hungry) voters to think they  
were voting for Gore.

The only thing that's scarier than that —  
realizing that Supreme Court Chief Justice  
William Rehnquist, a Nixon appointee to the  
bench, might have picked the next president  
of the US.

Less randomly, maybe we could have  
Homer (*D'oh!*) Simpson flip a coin. That  
might be fairer.

### DOWNWARD SPIRAL

Now, how could Dan Rather, the TV net-  
works and other media have messed up so  
badly with their predictions?

I figure that's because pollsters didn't  
count on the "Max Factor" — Maybelline

poster girl Katherine Harris, Florida's secre-  
tary of state.

Who put the *scare* in *mascara*? It was proba-  
bly Katherine Harris.

Did you happen to catch the video of her  
certifying Florida's partial vote with such a  
flourish you would have thought she was a  
direct descendant of John Hancock?

If anyone should be canned over this fias-  
co, it should be her. But no, she'll probably be  
appointed ambassador — to Chad.

No matter who wins, the sun will still rise,  
and the sun will still set. And I'll still have no  
interest in ever seeing *Fiddler on the Roof*.

But I'll tell you what's an even scarier  
prospect to me: that little children might take  
this national civics lesson to heart, and come  
next Oct. 31, they'll go door to door dressed up  
as Katherine Harris or Dan Rather. ("Trick or  
treat! Got any eyeliner? Or coffee?")

Because if those are the Halloween cos-  
tumes of choice next year, I'm moving to  
Canada, and I'll forget all about mailing an  
absentee ballot.

► Jack Grady is assistant editor of the *Townsmen*.  
Have a comment on this column? Send it  
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## POLICE LOG

(Continued from page 17)

female reported that she had heard  
some kids threatening to slice her car  
tires. An officer had planned to stay in  
the area and keep a look-out for the  
kids.

### ACCIDENTS (through Sunday)

Thursday, Dec. 7 — At 4:09 p.m., a  
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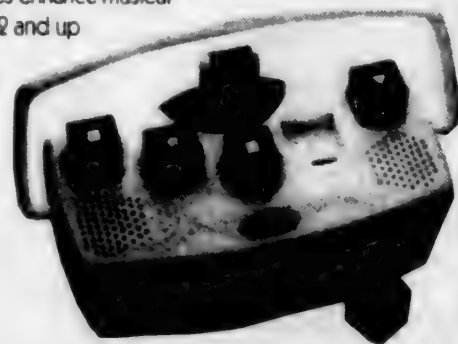
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### **ITEM**

Proposal No.  
RFP001/12-00/040  
Real Property Acquisition  
for Active and Passive  
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### **OPENING**

January 5, 2001  
4:00 P.M.

Specifications and Proposal forms may be obtained at the Office of Central Purchasing, Andover Town Offices, 36 Bartlet Street, Andover, MA 01810.

The Town of Andover is interested in purchasing real property located within the Town of Andover for active and passive outdoor recreation and other municipal purposes and requests proposals from owners who wish to sell their property.

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Elaine M. Shola  
Purchasing Agent  
December 7 & 14, 2000

## **COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT ESSEX DIVISION Docket No. 00P2785-EP1 NOTICE**

In the ESTATE OF MARGARET D. HEARD otherwise known as MARGARET A. HEARD

To all persons interested in the estate of MARGARET D. HEARD otherwise known as MARGARET A. HEARD late of the County of Essex Date of Death, May 18, 2000.

A petition has been presented in the above captioned matter praying that a certain instrument be probated purporting to be the last will of said deceased by WILLIAM DOWNS, of Andover in the County of Essex and RITA DOMASINSKI of Twin Falls in the State of Indiana praying that they be appointed executors thereof, without giving sureties on their bond. THOMAS HEARD, first named executor in said will having deceased.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT Salem Probate Court, 36 Federal St., Salem, MA 01970 BEFORE 10:00 O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 A.M.) ON January 8, 2001.

**Wills only:** In addition you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating the specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

Witness, Edward J. Rockett, Esquire, First Justice of said Court. Date December 4, 2000.  
Pamela Casey O'Brien  
Register of Probate Court  
December 14, 2000

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## **THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS TOWN OF ANDOVER OFFICE OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES**

The owners or occupants of the following described parcels of land situated in the Town of Andover in the County of Essex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the public are hereby notified that the taxes thereon severally assessed for the years hereinafter specified, according to the lists committed to me as Collector of Taxes for the Town of Andover, by the Board of Assessors of said Andover, remain unpaid, and that said parcels of land will be taken for the said Town of Andover, on Thursday, January 4, 2001 at 9:00 A.M. for the non-payment of said taxes and interest, if any, unless the same shall be previously discharged.

Daniel O. Day and Louise H. Day. Land in said Andover, with the buildings thereon, at 11 Heather Drive, shown as Parcel 94 on Assessors' Map 5, described in Ex. No. Dist. Deeds, B. 1195, P. 669. 1997 tax \$2,462.87, 1997 water lien \$155.95, 1998 tax \$2,516.96, 1998 water lien \$161.20, 1999 tax \$2,559.18, 1999 water lien \$156.20, 2000 tax \$2,774.71, 2000 water lien \$312.40.

Asma Realty Trust, Saeeda Syed, Trustee. Land in said Andover, with the buildings thereon, at 182 Jenkins Road, shown as Parcel 6 on Assessors' Map 33, described in Ex. No. Dist. Deeds, B. 3444, P. 284. 1998 tax \$7,281.95, 1999 tax \$7,521.29, 2000 tax \$8,160.04.

Russell H. Keeler, Jr. Land in said Andover, with the buildings thereon, at 15-17 Harding St., shown as Parcel 84 on Assessors' Map 38, described in Ex. No. Dist.

Deeds, B. 4069, P. 69. 1998 tax (bal) \$1,342.84, 1999 tax \$2,528.84, 1999 sewer lien \$198.00, 1999 water lien \$257.00, 2000 tax \$3,075.04, 2000 sewer lien \$592.22, 2000 water lien \$766.00.

Rita E. Mills. Land in said Andover, with the buildings thereon, at 25 Lincoln Circle, shown as Parcel 107 on Assessors' Map 71, described in Ex. No. Dist. Deeds, B. 979, P. 287. 1998 tax \$3,481.98, 1998 sewer lien \$277.20, 1998 water lien \$357.80, 1999 tax \$3,589.50, 1999 sewer lien \$118.80, 1999 water lien \$161.20, 2000 tax \$3,675.68, 2000 sewer lien \$255.62, 2000 water lien \$337.60.

Hills-Mor Construction Co., Inc. Land in said Andover at 14 Noel Road, shown as Parcel 6 on Assessors' Map 86, described in Ex. No. Dist. Deeds, B. 3809, P. 278 (pcl 1). 1998 tax (bal) \$28.28, 1999 tax \$56.13, 2000 tax \$58.60.

George H. Belanger, Jr. and Ida B. Belanger. Land in said Andover on Greenwood Road, shown as Parcel 23 on Assessors' Map 130, described in Ex. No. Dist. Deeds, B. 1240, P. 188. Supposed subsequent owner: Ida B. Belanger. 1997 tax (bal) \$292.39, 1998 tax \$474.60, 1999 tax \$486.96, 2000 tax \$484.92.

George H. Belanger, Jr. and Ida M. Belanger. Land in said Andover, with the buildings thereon, at 173 Greenwood Road, shown as Parcel 24 on Assessors' Map 130, being Lot D on a plan recorded in Ex. No. Dist. Deeds, Plan #5124, described in Ex. No. Dist. Deeds, B. 818, P. 343. Supposed subsequent owner: Ida M. Belanger. 1997 tax (bal) \$1,172.92, 1998 tax \$2,849.18, 1998 water lien \$136.00, 1999 tax \$2,926.29, 1999 water lien \$211.60, 2000 tax \$2,978.34, 2000 water lien \$262.00.

Katherine M. Quinn. Land in said Andover, with the buildings thereon, at 32 River St., shown as Parcel 67 on Assessors' Map 139, described in Ex. No. Dist. Deeds, B. 675, P. 130. 1998 tax (bal) \$344.86, 1999 tax \$2,264.88, 2000 tax \$2,486.10.

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NOTICE**

In the ESTATE OF ALMA E. PARADISE otherwise known as ALMA SHERMAN PARADISE

To all persons interested in the estate of ALMA E. PARADISE otherwise known as ALMA SHERMAN PARADISE late of the County of Essex Date of Death, September 20, 2000

A petition has been presented in the above captioned matter praying that certain instruments be probated purporting to be the last will and codicil of said deceased by SCOTT I. PARADISE of West Newton in the County of Middlesex and JAMES H. EATON of Andover in the County of Essex praying that they be appointed executors thereof, without giving sureties on their bond; and to the ATTORNEY GENERAL for said Commonwealth.

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Witness, Edward J. Rockett, Esquire, First Justice of said Court. Date December 1, 2000.

Pamela Casey O'Brien Register of Probate Court

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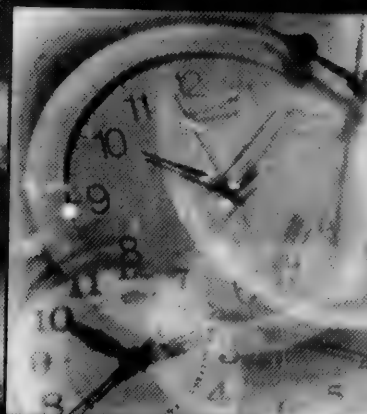
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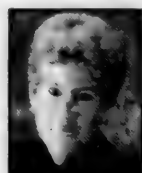
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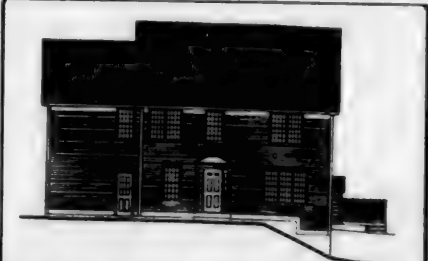
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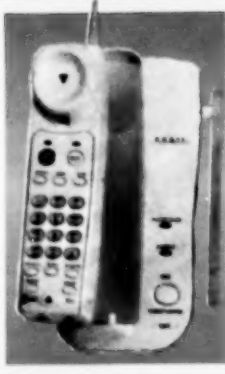


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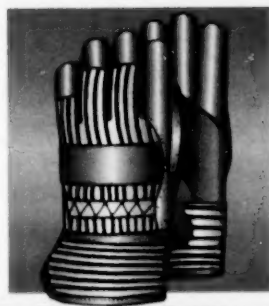
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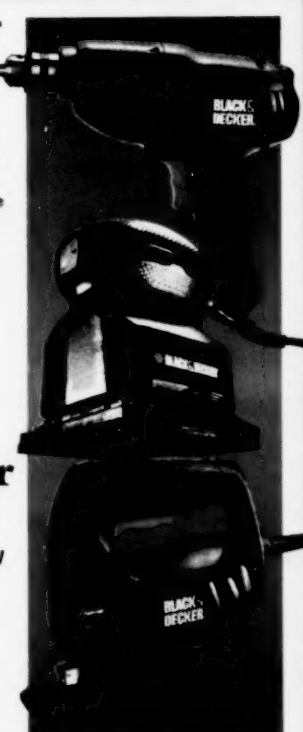
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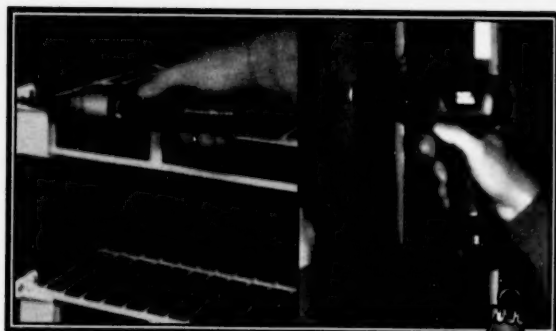
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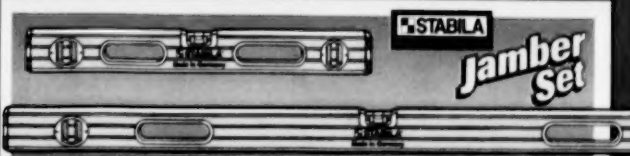


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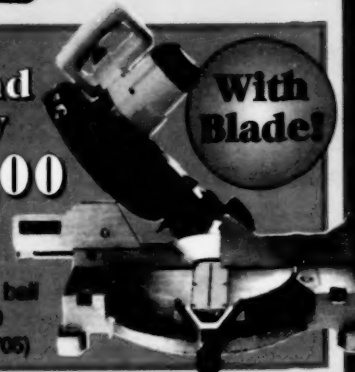
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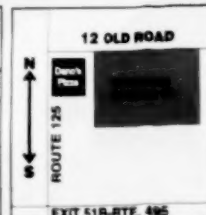
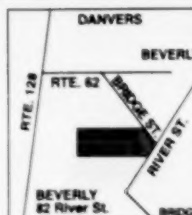
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